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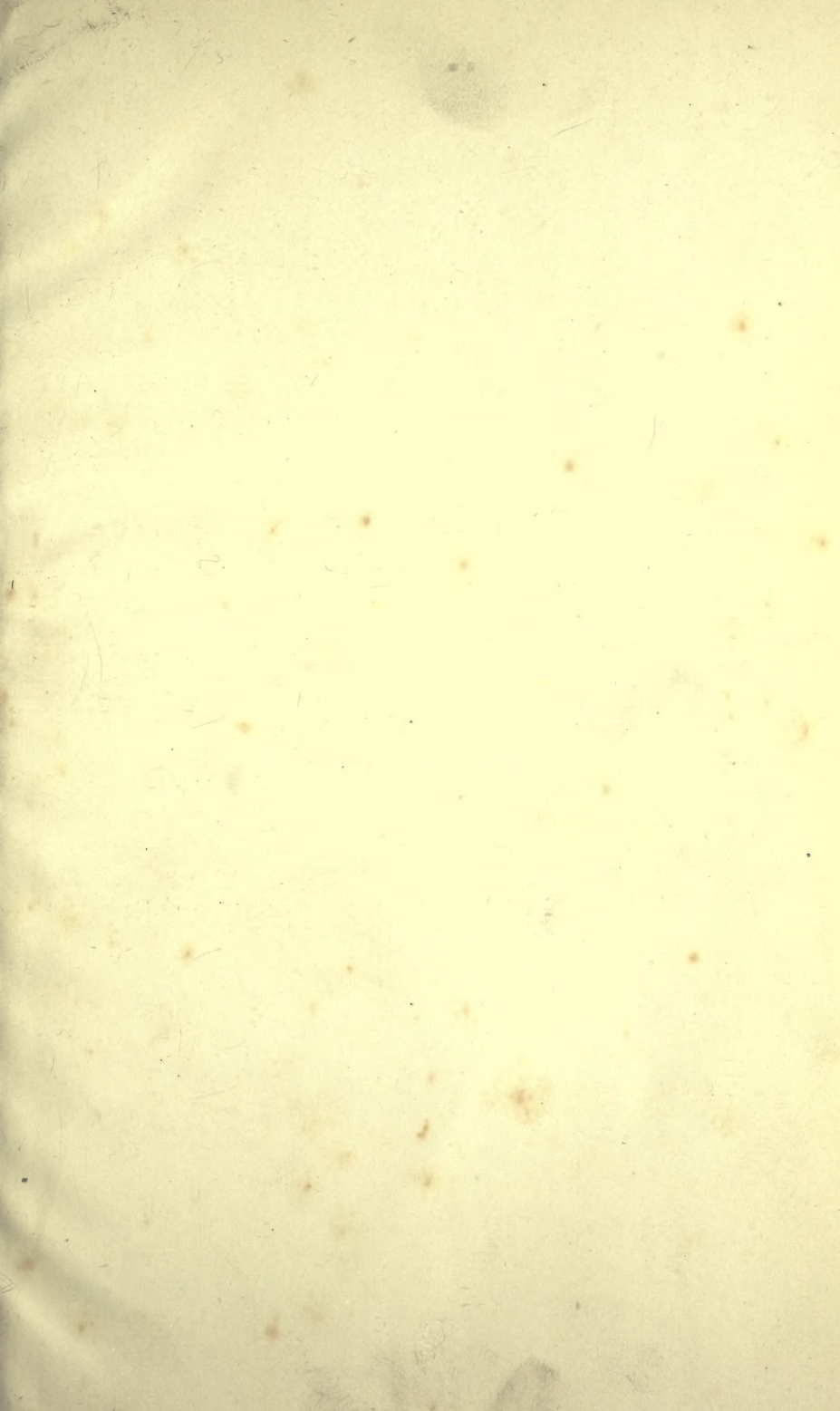


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ENGLISH REGISTER OF OSENEY

THE MIRROURE OF THE LYFE OF CRYSTE

[a¹] t the begynnynge the prohome of the booke
pat is cleped þ^e mirroure of þe blessed lyfe of
Ihu Cryste

The Life
of Christ.

4 Prima pars pro die Lune

Monday.

a devoute meditacion of þ^e grete cownseyle in
heuen for þe restorynge of man & hys saluatiō

i. Legend.

Capitulum primum²

8 o f the maner of lyuyng of the blessed virgyn
maydeñ mary

ii. Legend.

[Capitulum secundum³]

o f the incarnation of Ihu & þe feste of the
annunciacion and of the gretynge Aue maria

iii. Lk. i.
26-38.

12

Capitulum tercium

h ow þat owre lady wente to Elisabeth & mekely
grette he

iv. Lk. i.
39-41.

16 Capitulum quartum

h ow Joseph thohte priuely to leue owre lady
seynte mary

v. Mt. i.
18-25.

Capitulum quintum

¹ 'a' is omitted, space being left
for an illuminated letter. In the
remaining chapters, the initial is a
small letter, and space is left to sub-
stitute an illuminated one.

² Notice that the number for each
chapter follows the abstract of its
contents.

³ Omitted in the MS.

vi. Lk. ii.
6-20.

o f the Natiuite of ou^r lord^e Ihu criste
Capitulum vij^m

vii. Lk. ii.
21.

o f the circumcisiō of ou^r lorde iesu
Capitulum vij^m

4

viii. Mt. ii.
1-12.

o f the epiphany þat is cleped þe open schewynge
of god
Capitulum octauum

ix. Lk. ii.
22-39.

o f the purificacion of oure lady Seynte marye
Capitulum nonum

8

Tuesday.

s ecunda pars pro die martis

x. Mt. ii.
13-8.

[o¹] f the fleyinge of oure lorde ihu in-to egipte
Capitulum decimum

12

xi. Mt. ii.
19-23.

o f the turnynge of oure lorde ihu from^e Egypte
Capitulum xi^m

xii. Lk. ii.
43-50.

h Ow þe chylde Jhesu was lefte allone in ieru-
sale^m
Capitulum xij^m

16

xiii.
Legend.

w hat maner of lyuynge oure lorde ihc hade &
what he did fro hys twelve yeer vn-to þe
begynnynge of hys xxx^{ti} yeere
Capitulum xiiij^m

20

xiv. Mt. iii.
13-17.

o f the baptyme of oure lorde ihu & þe weye
þerto
Capitulum xiiii^m

24

Wednesday.

[t]ercia pars pro die mercurij

xv. Mt. iv.
1-11.

o f the fastynge of ou^r lorde ihu and hys tempta-
cions in deserte
Capitulum xv^m

28

¹ Omitted in MS.

- h Ow oure lorde ihu begaṇ to teche & gedre
his discipuls xvi. Mt. iv.
17-22.
Capitulum xvjm
- 4 o f the miracle doeṇ, at þe bridale, of water
turned in-to wyne xvii. Jn. ii.
1-11.
Capitulum xviiim
- 8 o f that excellente sermon of ouṛ lorde ihu in þe
hulle xviii. Mt.
v-vii.
Capitulum xviiijm
- 12 o f the seruaunte [of] Centurio and þe sonne of
the lytelle Kyng heled of oure lorde ihu criste xix. Mk. ii.
1-12; Jn. iv.
46-54.
Capitulum xixm
- 16 o f þe paralytike maṇ lette down in hys bedde
by hys howse hyllynge and heled of ouṛ lorde
ihu cryste proughe þe beleve off theyme þat bare
hym xx. Mt. ix.
1-8.
Capitulum vicesimum
- 20 h Ow þat martha was heledde of here sekenesse
be towchyng of þe hemme of ouṛ lordes clothe xxi. Lk.
viii. 43-8:
Legend.
Capitulum xxjm
- o f the conuersion of mary maudeleyṇ xxii.
Legend:
Lk. viii. 2.
Capitulum xxiijm
- 24 o f the Spekyng of ouṛ lorde ihe with þe womaṇ
Samarytane atte þe pytte of water xxiii. Jn.
iv. 1-26.
Capitulum xxiiijm
- 28 h Ow þe disciples of ihu plucked þe eerys of
corne & eteṇ þeim for hunger on þe sabaoth
day xxiv. Mt.
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1-14.o f þe fedynge of þe grete peple with brede
multipliede**Capitulum vicesimum quintum**

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wolde haue made hym þeire Kyng**Capitulum xxvij^m**xxvii. Jn.
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to alle þo þat forsake þe worlde for his luffe**Capitulum xxix^m**

16

xxx. Mk.
ix. 1-10.
[un-
finished.]o f the transfiguracion of oure lorde ihu in þe
hylle.**[Capitulum xxx^m¹]**

¹ In leaving off, the writer has not even added the number of the last chapter of which he gives the summary. The headings given in this fragment correspond exactly with John Morton's Englishing of Bonaventura's *Vita Christi*, printed by Caxton and by Wynkyn de Worde.

OSENAY CARTULARY ENGLISHED

[1.] [V¹] * Of þe ffoundacion off þe Chapell of Seynte * leaf 1.
George.

It is to be myndyd̄ that Robert Doyly and̄ Roger of Iuory, sworne brethren̄ and ² i-confederyd̄ or i-bownde euerich̄ to othē by feyth̄ and sacrament, come to the conquest of Inglonde
4 with Kyng William bastarde. ¶ This Kyng ȝafe to the saide
Roberte tweyne baronyes of doylfys and̄ of saynte Walerye.
¶ In the ȝere fro the Incarnacion of oūr lorde anno Mⁱ lxxij.³ was
i-belde the castell of oxonforde, in the tyme of Kyng William
8 a-forsaide. This robert doylly ȝafe to his swor̄n broþer Roger
a-forsaide A baronye, the which is nowē i-callið of seynte
Walerye. ¶ In the ȝere of oūr lorde anno Mⁱ thre score and̄
xiiij. was i-foundið the church of saynte george in the castell
12 of oxonforde, of Robert Doylly the firste and̄ of Roger of Iuory,
in þe tyme of Kyng William bastarde, the which ⁴ sett in the
seyde church secular chanons, and certeyne rentes of the tweyne
baronyes afore-saide to the seyde chanons asseynd̄, of churchis,
16 londis, tithis, and̄ possessions, and̄ othē thynges.

Notice of
Robert
Doyly I,

favourite of
William I,

builder of
Oxford
Castle, 1072,

and co-
founder,
1074,
of St.
George's
church, for
secular
canons.

[Died about
1090.]

[2.] A⁵ charter of Robert Doylly þe ffirst, of þe ffounda-
cion of þe church of Seynte George i-ȝefe to þe
Seculer chanons þe which vnderfoloweth.

Claims to
be about
1074.

¶ BE hit i-knowe to the feythfull men̄ of holy church both
present and̄ to be þat I, Robert Doylly, wyllyng and̄ grauntyng

Robert
Doyly I

¹ For convenience of reference, the 'tuli' of the Latin Register by which old quotations are often made, have their own Roman number assigned them. The English follows their order without giving the numbers.

² 'i-confederyd or i-bownde' is an alternative rendering of the one word 'confederati.' This double rendering, first by a Latinism, then by an English word attached to the first by 'or,' is a frequent, and sometimes a confusing, feature of this

translation.

³ 'Septuagesimo primo,' in the Latin.

⁴ The writer uses 'the which,' for the relative, alike for singular and plural, masculine and neuter, subject and object. Latin is 'qui . . . instituerunt.'

⁵ This 'charter' cannot be genuine, since it mentions 'king Henry' (succeeded 1100). It was possibly forged to establish title in some dispute with St. Frideswyde's priory.

granted, to
the secular
Canons in
St. George's
church,

St. Mary
Magdalene
church,
and other
possessions.

[See in no.
21.]

Aldithe my wiffe and my brethreñ Nigelle & Gilberte¹, 3afe
and graunted; and with this present charter confermed, in-to
pure ande perpetuall almes, to god and to þe church of Seynte
george in þe casteñ of Oxonforde and to the chanon̄s in hit 4
seruyng god and to þere successoures, the church the which
[I founded], for the helth of Kyng Henry and the welfare
of all þe reame Also² and for myne helth, and of my wiffe,
and brethreñ, fadurs and modurs, and of oūr frendes, all þynges, 8
tenementes, tithis, and possessions vndur-write: that is to say,
þe church of seynte³ marye Mawdeleyñ the which is i-sett in
the subbarbis of oxonforde, with thre hides of londe in Walton̄,
and medys, and tithis to the same church perteynyng, (as hit 12
is conteyned with-inne 'How' the church of Seynte george
come.' P.⁵)

About
1074.

[3.] A confirmacion of Roger of Iuorye of þe 3ifte of þe
saide Robert.

Confirma-
tion by
Roger of
Iveri (no. 1),

of his
brother-in-
arm's
(Robert
Doyle I's)
foundation.

[See in no.
21.]

¶ KNOWE þey that be present and to be þat I, Roger of
Iuorye, for the helth of oūr lorde Kynge and of all the reame 16
and also for the helth of my lorde Robert Doylly and Aldithe
his wiffe and the helth of myne, haue i-graunted, and with
my present charter confermed, to god and to the church of
seynte george þe which is i-sett in the Castell of Oxonforde, all 20
londis and tenementes, tithis, rentis and possessions, the which
the saide Robert Doylly of his baronyis 3afe and graunted and
assnyed to god and to the church of seynte george Afore-saide
and to the chanoñs þere *seruyng* god: that is to say, the church 24
of Seynte Marye Mawdeleyne the which is i-sett in the subarbis
of oxonforde, and with thre hides in Walton̄, ande þe londe of
twenty-acre. P. (as þey been conteyned with-inne in the title
'Howe' the church was i-3efe of seynte george to the chanoñs 28
of oseneye': *vide notam* &c.⁵).

¹ Robert Doyle I had a brother Guido, but (so far as is known) not Gilbert.

² 'necon et pro mea ac uxoris et fratrum, parentum, et amicorum nostrorum salute.' Elsewhere 'parentum' is rendered 'kynnesfolkes.'

³ Marginal note: 'Mary Magdalen's

church in Oxon.'

⁴ i.e. in Tit. VII (p. 20).

⁵ The compositor has represented the varying symbols of the MS. for 'etcetera' by special types.

⁶ i.e. Tit. VII.

- [4.] A charter¹ of Thomas Deen i-made to þe Seculer chanons of a Crofte called Denys Crofte. About 1140?

¶ BE hit i-knowe to all *Christine* men that I, thomas Deen, gave and graunted, and with þis my present charter conformed, to god and to the church of Seynte george in the castell of oxonforde and to the chanons þere seruyng god, all my Crofte with the pertynences * the which is i-called Denyscrofte, in-to free pure and perpetuall almes, alsomuch as to me ande to myne heyres longyth, to the chefe lorde zeldyng þerof zereley for me and myne heyres to the chefe lorde² vj. s. of sterlynges for all thynges. And I, thomas, and myne heyrys, the sayed crofte, with the pertinences, to the forsaid church and chanons a-gaynst all mortall men for euer shall warantize. In-to the witnesse of the which thyng, to this writyng my sele I haue i-putt. Thes witnesses &c³.

Grant to St. George's church, by Thomas deen,

* leaf 1, back. of Deen's-croft,

subject to 6s. quit-rent to the chief lord.

- [5.] A charter of Brummanne of Walton i-made to þe chanons aforsaide of here londe In Walton ande twentiacre. About 1140?

BE hit i-know to all the children of the church that I, brummanne of Walton, for the helth of my sowle and of myne and of all cristen, haue i-gave and graunted, and with my present charter conformed, to god and to the church of seynte George in the castell of oxonforde & to the chanons þere seruyng god, willyng and graentyng my lorde Robert Doylly, all my londe, with medys and oþer pertinences, the which I helde of hym in Walton and twentyacre: to be holde and had, to the forsaid church and chanons and to here successoures, in-to free pure and euerlastyng almys. And I, brummanne, and myne heyres, the said londe, with medys and oþer pertinences, to the forsaid church And chanons agenste all cristen men and Juys³, as owre free pure and perpetuall almys, shall warantize Aquyte

Grant to St. George's church, by Brumman,

of land in Walton and Twenty-acre (see in no. 6).

[Warranty against Jews!]

¹ Of doubtful genuineness: being ante-dated. The land, however, was actually a possession of Oseney, and is so found in the Hundred Rolls.

² The dittography is in the English MS., not in the Latin.

³ This warranty against Jews is quite out of place at this date, and is fatal to the genuineness of the deed. The insertion of

such clauses in leases and grants belongs to the next century (1230-80). Attention is drawn to the peculiarity by a marginal note 'warrantize: note.' A motive for forgery is suggested by the necessity of repelling St. Frideswyde's priory claims in St. Mary Magdalene parish, which were backed by a forged deed (see no. 54). The property was actually owned by Oseney.

and defende. And that this my yife¹ and graunte be sure and stable, to this present wrytyng my sele I haue put to. Thes witnesses &c².

About
1140.

[6.] A confirmacion of Robert Doylly of þe ziftes of þe Saide thomas and Brummanne.

Alleged
confirmacion
to St.
George's
church, by
Robert
Doyly II,
of no. 4,

and no. 5.

Know all pepull that I, Robert Doylly, graunted & [con- 4
fermed], to god and to the church of seynte George in the
castell of oxonforde and to the chanons of the same church and
to there successours, the yife¹ that to them made Thomas Deed
of a Crofte in subarbys of Oxonforde the which is i-called 8
Denyscrofte, of my fee, zeldyng to me and to myne heyres vj. 3.
zerly for all thynges. To² thes pynges, I haue grauntyd, and
with this my charter confermed, to the sayde church and
chanons and to þere successours, þe zifte the which to þem made 12
brumman of Walton of³ oon caruke or plowlonde of grounde
and a mese [and⁴ xxiv. acres of mead, which he held of me
in Walton,] and xxvi. acris with a pasture with þe pertinences,
the which he helde of me in þe subarbis of oxonforde for his 16
seruyce: To be holde and had, to the forsayde church [and]
chanons and to there successoures, in-to pure free and perpetuall
almys, as the charter of þe forsayde brummann, þe which to þe
forseyde church and chanons [he] maade, fully witnyseth. 20
and that þis my graunte and confirmacion be ferme and stable
for euer, to thys wrytyng my sele I haue i-putt. Thes wit-
nesses. ̄.

About
1130.

[7.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry⁵ þe sone of Kyng William Bastarde i-maade to þe chanons of Seynte George.

Confirma-
tion to St
George's
church by
Henry I,

HENRY, Kyng of Inglonde And Duke of Normandy, to 24
Archiebishshops bysshops Abbotes Erles Barons Justices shrevys
mynsters and to all his trew men frenshe and Englishe helth.
Know 3e me to haue i-graunted and confermed euer, in-to
perpetuall almys, to god and to the church of saynte George 28

¹ *Sic.* Read 'yifte.'

² 'Ad hec.'

³ 'de una carucata terre.'

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ 'Henry I,' in margin. A genuine
charter: original at Christ Church.
Among witnesses is Geoffrey, cancellarius
(1124-35).

p^e which Robert Doyll foundid^r in the castell of oxonforde and to the chanon^s of the same church, all pynges and possessions the which the sayde Robert and his successours to p^e. same
 4 church 3afe: that is to say, the church of seynte Marye Maude-
 leyne¹ the which is i-sette in the strete with-owt the Northgate
 and^r . . .². Wherefore I wylle and surely commaunde pat p^e
 forsayde * church and chanon^s haue and holde, well and in
 8 peece, frely and worschipfully, ande hoolely, and that all p^e
 tenementes of the same church and meⁿ of p^e chanouns be
 quyte³ of schyres and hundredys and wardys and danegeldys
 and all pleyes, (and⁴ of sake and soc, tol and teme, and infan-
 12 genethese), and of all other quarels or playntes and exaccions,
 owtake murthu^r and thefte i-preued. Thes witnesses &c^o.

of Robert
Doyll I's
gifts (as
in no. 2),

* leaf 2.
and grants
of exemp-
tion from
king's
courts and
king's
taxes, and
of feudal
juris-
diction.

[8.] This charter afore i-write is fully innewyd⁵ By About
 Kyng Henry⁶ the Sone of Kyng John, p^e which 1220.
 3e shall fynde In p^e charters folowyng vndur⁷ of Confirmation
 p^e ffredoms of Oseneye.' by Henry III.

[9.] A Brefe of Kyng Henry⁸ p^e Sone⁹ of Kyng William About
 Bastarde of p^e Crofte of Walton. 1166.

HENRY, by the grace of god Kyng of Inglond^r Duke of Order by
 Normandy And of gyeⁿ and Erle of Aungy, to Hugh¹⁰ pleg. Henry II,
 16 helth. I charge the pat, ry3ghtfully and with-owte differryng, ordering
 pou make to be 3elde oon crofte of londe of Walton, with all restoration
 his pertinences, to the church of seynte george of oxonforde, p^e St.
 which perteyneth (or longeth) to the prebende the which was of George's
 church of a
 croft of the
 prebend of

¹ 'Mari Magdalene,' in margin.

² i.e. and [the rest as given in no. 21].
 Latin has 'etc.'

³ 'francheis: note the ffredoms,' in margin.

⁴ This clause is out of place, and 'of' ought to be 'with.' The clauses which go before and come after conferred exemptions from attendance at, and fees or fines to, certain of the king's courts, and from contributing to certain taxes. This clause gave the church of St. George feudal jurisdiction over its own tenants and servants. A correct statement is found in no. 13. In the Latin the clause is out of place, but

'cum' is given.

⁵ 'innovata.'

⁶ 'Henry III,' in margin.

⁷ 'subsequentibus.'

⁸ 'Note: Henry the I,' in margin: but it should be Henry II.

⁹ In error for 'grandson,' as is seen in the king's style, as also by the attached witness, John (of Oxford), dean of Salisbury 1165-75. The error has been copied into Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 187.

¹⁰ Hugh of Plugenet, lord of Headington manor, and so feudal lord in the north suburb of Oxford: Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, ii. 24-6.

Walter,
arch-
deacon.

Walter¹ Archedecun, And suffer not thereof any wronge to þe forsaide church to be do, or hit with vnryȝhtful customes to be vexid. And but þou wylle doon myn commaundement, lete my Justice of oxonford do hit, last² þere-of more playnyng to 4 here I ofte. John, Deen of Salisbury, Witnesse: at clarendon.

[10.] **Termes to Be declared for Euidence afore i-write, and also folowyng after.**

Explana-
tion of
manorial
terms: see
nos. 7, 13,
&c.

Nota. **Soc** is sute of your homage in your courte, after the custome of þe Reame. **Sacke** ys pleys and amendys of mysdoynge of your men in your courte, for *sacke* in Englysh is *cheson* in frensh, and hit is i-saide 'for the which sake,' *id est*, 'pur quele encheson,' and sacke also is a forfeite. **Tol** is that ye and youre men and all your homage be quyte in all mercates of tol i-axid of thynges i-bowghte or solde. **Teme** is that þe¹² haue all auereyne of your bonde men, with here sute and cateff, where-so-euer in Inglonde þey be i-founde, oute-take that if a bonde man quietly a yere and A day in oony towne pryvylegyd haue i-dwellyd so that in here communitie (that is to say, in-to 16 þere yilde) haue be receyuyd and as a cytysyn haue be receyvyd, evyn *perwith* fro his bondage is delyuered. **Infangenthefe** is that thefs i-take in your lordeship and in ȝour fee convictyd be Juggyd in your courte. **Owtefangenethefe**³ is pat þefes of 20 your lordeship or fee i-take with thefte be callyd agayne to your fee And there to be i-Juggyd.

[11.] [VI.] **Sequitur fundacio Oseneye.**

Notice of
Robert
Doyly II,

HIT is to be know to all trewe men of holy church. pat Robert Doylly the fyrst And Nygeff Doylly where carnaff 24 breþren, the which come with Kyng William conquerour bastard in-to Inglonde. The sayde Robert dyed withoute heyres of his body; the saide Nygeff his brother succedyd hym in-to þe herytage as heyre, þe which Nygeff gate Robert Doylly the secunde. 28

¶ In the ȝere of our lorde a powsande hundrede and

¹ Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, died 1151.

² 'ne inde amplius querelam audire debeam.'

³ 'outfangthief' does not occur in any grant or confirmation among these documents. Cp. *Godstow Register*, p. 650.

- xxixth. Robert Doylly the secunde, þ^e soone of Nygeff Doylly
 aforsaide, founded the church of saynte Marye in þ^e Ile of
 oseney, consentyng¹ Theodbalde Archiebisshop of Caunterbury,
 4 And Alizaundur bisshop of *lincoln; in the tyme of Kyng
 Henry the ffyrst (þ^e soone, that is to say, of William Bastarde
 conqueroure of Inglande), at þe peticioñ of Edythe (þe dowghter
 of ffiorñ) wyfe of þ^e forsayde Robert Doylly, foundid was þe
 8 saide church.

founder, in
 1129, of
 Oseney, for
 Regular
 Canons,
 * leaf 2,
 back.
 at the
 instance of
 his wife
 Edith.

[12.] A charter of Robert Doylly þ^e secunde, foundar of 1129.
 þe Howse of Oseneye: Off þe ffirst ffeffying.

- BE hit i-knowe to all true men of holy church, bothe present
 and to be, þat I, Robert Doylly, wylling and grauntyng Edythe
 my wyfe and my soonys Henry and gilbert, yefe ande graunt,
 12 in-to perpetuall Almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye
 his moder and to þe chanons in hit seruyng god, þ^e which [1]
 (Alizaundur by the grace of god bysshop of lincolne yevyng
 counseyle and confermyng) founded in the Ile þ^e which is i-called
 16 Oseney, for the helth of the Kyng and the welfare of all the
 Reame And also for myne helth and of my wyffe and of my
 soonys parentis and frendes, alle þat is myne in þ^e forsaide Ile;
 with all dwellynges þe which I had vppoñ the were² the which
 20 is of myne myllys þe which been by þe castell of Oxonforde;
 and tithynges of the same Myllys; And pese churches³ of my
 londe, of Cudelyngton, of Weston, of Hokenorton, of Cleydon,
 of Sheneston, of chesterton; with-in the borowgh of oxonford,
 24 londys þ^e which helden Engerike, Raymunde, Ailnoth, Good-
 wyne the soone of Edwachere, Ermenolde, Goodwyne Nicuma,
 Suetyng Cadica, Rauenyng, Segryn by the Walle, Henry
 Corueser, leofwyne Haltyng⁴, Goodwyne money-maker⁵,

Grant to
 Oseney,
 by its
 founder,
 Robert
 Doyly II,
 of

(a) all his
 land in
 Oseneyisle;
 (b) War-
 ham-bank;
 (c) tithes
 of Oxford
 Castle
 mills;
 (d) six
 rectories;
 (e) in
 Oxford,
 feudal
 superiori-
 ty over
 eighteen
 holdings;

¹ 'Consenting' in the primate's case refers to a later (no. 34) confirmation. Theobald of Bec was not elected archbishop till Dec. 1138. Alexander was bishop of Lincoln 1123-47.

² Marginal note: 'Weyres & Mylles by the Castell.' The 'were' mentioned was the narrow strip of land between the eastern boundary stream of Oseney (i.e. South Oseney) island and the feeder of the Castle mills: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 313.

See more of it in no. 43.

³ The six names are noted in the margin. Kidlington, Weston-on-the-Green, Hooknorton, Chesterton, are in Oxfordshire; Claydon is in Bucks. 'Sheneston,' the sixth, was not in Lincoln diocese, as is shown by its absence from the Lincoln confirmations, e.g. nos. 14, 19, 26. It is Shenstone in Staffordshire.

⁴ 'claudus,' in the Latin.

⁵ 'monetarius.'

[The mint
in Oxford.]
(f) a rent-
charge
of 2s.;
(g) tithe;
(h) in Hook-
norton,
superiori-
ty over a
hide, and a
yardland;
(i) near
Oxford
castle, a
house;
(k) Water-
caton
manor;
[Widow's
jointure-
land.]

with
manorial
rights to
wood,
fishing,
pasture.

Brychrik money-maker, Godrike, William, Raph Baker, Leof-
wyn budda, Geffrey Miller; and twey shelyngworth of Rent þe
which helde fromunde chapeleyne; And tithyng of Nichol of
Stodeham, þe which þe same fromunde chapeleyne helde; with- 4
in Hokenortoð (myne Maner), halfe an hide of londe þe which
was off Hugh ffraunceys, And j. 3erde-londe, the which Maurice
chanon helde and after hym þe sone of the same; and by the
castell of oxonford, vndur the wall, a dwellyng þe which was of 8
Waryn chapeleyne; Etoð¹ all my towne, with all thynges þe
which longe to hit (outetake þe Mille þe which I haue yefe
to a-nothe church², And sperwesaye³), And so that þat parte
þe which my modur holdeth, whenne-so-euer she stynteth⁴ to 12
holde hit, þat hit come in-to þe lordeship of the church to þe vse
of the breprynne: Wherefore I woll and pray þat weñ & in
peece, fully and worschippfully, the forsaide thynges þe forsaide
church holde, with all customs and fredoms⁵, þat is to say, in 16
wode and playne, in Medes and ffedynges, in waters⁶, in wayes
and patthis, and all other places, as euer oony oper man bestē
afore hit helde or my-selfe helde while þey were in my lorde-
ship. These witnesses Walter, Archedecun &c^o.

20

About
1129.

[13.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry þe ffirst, þe Sone of
William Bastarde, of þe forsaide 3evyng.

Confirma-
tion to
Osney, by
Henry I,

of the
founder's
grants (as
in no. 12)
viz.—
(a);
(k);
(e);

HENRY, Kyng of Inglonde and Duke of Normandy, to
Archibisshops bisshops Abbotes Erles Barons Justices Shrevys
Mynsters and to all his true men of all Inglonde helthi. Know
3e me to haue i-graunted and confermed, in-to perpetuall almys, 24
þe yeste þe which Robert Doylly maade to þe church of saynte
Marye þe which he foundid in the Ile of Oseneye ande to the
chanons þere servyng god, all þat was his in the same Ile; and
all Etoð with his lordeship (outetake a mylle); And, with-in 28
the borowgh of oxonford, men And londys the which he had

¹ Marginal note: 'Eton.'

² i.e. to St. Frideswyde's Priory, about
1125: Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frides-
wyde*, ii. 208. This is the mill, called
Hulk's mill (from the tenant), which comes
in nos. 76-7.

³ 'Sperwesaye,' here excepted, was after-
wards given (no. 24) by Henry Doyly I.
'Sparsey Mead' is still the name of the

large meadow, east of Cherwell, opposite
Watereaton Manor Farm.

⁴ 'destiterit.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe fredoms
agaynste Cudelyntoð & Hokenortoð,' i.e.
against the Plecy family, who acquired these
manors, after the Doylys died out, and
were rather unfriendly to Osney.

⁶ Marginal note: 'fishing.'

in his lordeship; and all churches of his lordeship (pat is to say, þe church * of Cudelynton, the church of Hokenorton, the church of Chesterton, the church of sheneston, the church of 4 Watlyngton¹, the church of cleydon, the church of Weston), with all thynges to þe same perteynyng in tithis And londes and men And medys and fedynges: Wherefore I wil and surely charge þat þe forsaide church and chanons holde, welle and in 8 pece, worschipfully, with² sacker And soc tol and teme and Infangenthefe, and that they and all tenementes and pere men be quyte of shyrys and hundredis and wardys ande daneyeldis and comynpleys and all other exaccions and playntes, outetake murther 12 and thefte i-þreued. Witnesse these: Aliþaundur, bisshop of lyncolne; Symon, bisshop of Wyrcester; Robert, Erle of Glowcestur; &c³.

(d) the six churches,
* leaf 3.
with
Watlington added,

with
manorial
jurisdiction, and
exemptions
from courts
and taxes
(as in no. 7).

[14.] A confirmacion of Aliþaunder Bisshop of lincoln About 1145.
of þe fundacion of þe Howse of Oseney.

ALIþAUNDER, by the grace of god bisshop of lincoln, to all in cristе well i-loved soones of the church⁴ to the which he is hede 16 (god⁵ beyng the doer), helth and the blessing of god and his. To the petition, þe which to the stabylyng of religion and⁶ of sowles helth we know to perteyne, hit befalleth vs to assent swyftely and to make sure; where⁷ abowte, of owre mooste 20 deer soone Wygoode prior of Oseney and of his brethrynnе, to pere ryghtfull petitions lyght⁸ assent we ȝevyng, to þe church of saynte Marye (in the which þey been i-ȝefe to þe servyse of god) þe which in the Ile þe which is i-called Oseney is i-foundid 24 and sett, vndur þe defense of seynte mary and owre to be defendid we take, and with þe surenesse⁹ of þis present letters we make sure, by þe Auctorite of þe office that we vse, ordeyn-

Confirmation
to
Oseney,
by the
diocesan,

of all its
estates,

¹ The church of Watlington was ultimately (about 1170) the gift of William Paganell (no. 37), confirming his father-in-law's (Halina de Bidun's) grant. It had probably been granted by Robert Doyly II with the others in no. 12, but before Oseney could obtain possession (by death of the rector), King Stephen took the manor (1142) from the Doylys. The new lord (William de Chesney) gave the church to Oseney, about 1150, but the manor was taken from him, about 1154, before Oseney obtained possession. It seems to have been erased from no. 12, but retained here.

² Marginal note: 'lybertyes,' attached by a bracket to the lines which follow.

³ i.e. of Lincoln diocese.

⁴ 'deo auctore.'

⁵ 'et [ad] animarum salutem.'

⁶ 'Quo circa.'

⁷ The head of Oseney was originally styled *prior*; Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 210. Wigod, after ruling as prior for nearly 16 years (1138-54), assumed the title of *abbot*, possibly granted him by the pope when he visited Rome (1151).

⁸ 'facilem assensum.'

⁹ 'sanctione.'

particu-
larly (i) the
founder's
gifts, viz.—
six
churches
(five as in
no. 12 d,
and, in
addition,
Stone);
also, lands
in Oxford
as in no. 12
a, b, c, e;
Watereaton
manor,
12 k;
rent-
charge and
tithe, 12
f, g;
in Hook-
norton, as
in 12 h;
(ii) King
Stephen's
gifts, of
60s. rent,
and of
5s. 5¹/₄d.
rent;
(iii) queen
dowager
Alice's gift
(no. 83);
(iv) Lang-
ney island;
(v) Robert
Foliot's
land;
(vi) Ralph,
son of
Siward's
land.

yng þat all maner possessions, all maner goodes, nowe this same church by the offryng of true men ryȝhtfully and lawfully hath, vndewyd¹ to þem, and to þere successours sure and vnbroke² Abyde. In the which, these we have avised³ to be schewed in 4 þere owne namys: þat is to say, þe church⁴ of Cudelyngton, of Weston, of Hokenorton, of cleydon, of chesterton, of Stanes; and þat was of Robert Doylly (of this church founder) in Oseney, with all dwellynges þe which he had vpon þe were þe which is 8 of þe Milles þe which beñ by þe castel of oxonforde, and tithynges of þe same Milles, and all þe londe þe which to þe same church with-inne the borowghe of oxonford the same forsaide Robert yafe and with his charter confermed; alle Eton, with 12 alle thynges to hit perteynyng (oute-take þe Mille, ande sperwe-say), and twey shelyngworth of Rent þe which helde fromunde chapeleyne, And tithynges of Nichol of Stodeham; with-inne Hokenorton, free seruyce of Hugh ffranceys⁵ of halfe an hide, 16 And oon ȝerde of londe; and of þe yifte of Kyng stephyñ ande of thempryce, prebende of lx. s. (of hensynton, xxiiij.; of bamton, xxiiij.; of Hedyndon, xij.), And of v. s. v. d. ob. qua. with-in the borowgh of oxonforde of that londe þe which⁶ is viij. ȝerdys of 20 the Kyng, with all thynges perteynyng to hit, with customes and liberteyns; of the londe⁷ of quene Alyz, oon hide the which lyeth by Hanberge And longeth to staunton; langeneye, with all pertinences, of the howse⁸ of Geffrey chamburleyne of 24 Glymton; And the londe of the flece of Robert folioth, of the yifte of the same, þe which lieth in the grete strete⁹ of Oxonforde; and the londe that Raph fith sywarde yafe; And what-so-euer thyng in tyme to be (god beyng mercyfull) by grauntyng 28 or ȝevyng of princis, or by offryng of true men, or in oðer ryȝhtfull maners, may be i-purchased¹⁰, to þem or to þere successours (Reguler lyfe i-professed) vnbroke¹¹ and undeflyd

¹ 'inviolata.'

² 'inconcussa.'

³ 'duximus.'

⁴ The six names are noted in the margin. 'Sheneston' is not mentioned (p. 11, note 3). Stanes church (Stone near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire) was the gift of William Bracy (no. 37).

⁵ 'Hugonis franci.'

⁶ 'quae dicitur Octovirgate regis.'

⁷ 'de dono.'

⁸ Read 'gift.' The translator has misread 'ex dono' as 'ex domo' (cp. no. 26). Langney was one of the islands, formed by streams of Thames, in the river-flat north-west of Oxford.

⁹ No. 26 shows that this is Cornmarket Street (not High Street).

¹⁰ 'poterunt adipisci.'

¹¹ 'inconcussa et illibata, eorum omnimodo usibus profutura.'

* abyde, to þe vsys of all þeim to profete, sauynge dignytees and customs of the bisshop and of the church of lincolne : perfore of this owre confirmacion agayne-sayers¹ and pluckers a-waye, and of this church robbers of goodes and wasters, if tweys and þe thirde tyme i-warned to satisfaccion wille not come, with the bonde of curse we bynde hynd ; Ande to alle to þe same place here ryghtes kepyng, be peece of oure lorde Ihu criste, þat here þe frute of goode workyng þey take, and, in tyme to be, rewardis of euerlastyng Joy geete þey. Amen.

* leaf 3, back.

Anathema against violators of this confirmation.

[15.] A charter of Robert Doylly the secunde vndurwrite, of þe Encresynges to þe forsaide writynges.

About 1140?

BE hit i-knowe to alle true men of holy church boþe present and to be þat I, Robert Doylly, above thes thynges þe which I haue i-gefe to þe church of god and to saynte Marye of Oseney whenne I foundid hit, for my helth and my wyfes and of my soones & aunceturs and my parentis, geve and graunte these encresynges², to þe same church and chanons in hit seruyng god, perpetuelly to be had :—a dwellyng of William fight Helg; and³ all mansions þe which I had vpon the were; and þe tithynges of my mylles þe which ben by þe castell of oxonforde; and ij. shelyngworth of rente, and þe tithyng of Nichol of stodeham, þe which fromunde Capeleyne helde; and my gardeyne with þe londe that longeth to hym of Eton; And Wydon reve, with all his tenure; And the londe⁴ of oo cotarye. These witnessys, fflowke Doylly, I. Þis yifte I made, grauntyng my soonys Henry And gilberte and my wife and my broþer fflowke.

Grant to Oseney, by the founder, in addition to the gifts in no. 12, of

(l) in Oxford, the house of William son of Helga;

(m) in Watereaton, a garden; land of Wido reeve; and one cottar's land.

[16.] A charter confermyng, of Henry Doylly þe first, of þe giftes of Robert Doylly the Secunde his ffadu.

About 1152.

BE hit i-knowe to true men of holy church boþe present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly, graunte and with my charter conferme, in-to perpetuell almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye his modur and to the chanons in hit seruyng god—þe

Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly I,

¹ 'contradictores atque convulsiores.'

² But four of them had been included in his former gift: viz. no. 12 (a), (b), (f), (g); and it is possible that his house here called of William is Waryn's house,

no. 12 (i).

³ Marginal note: 'Weyres & tithings of Mylles Oxon. &c.'

⁴ 'terram unius cotarii.'

of his
father's
grants, as
in no. 12,

with
addition of
Watling-
ton church,
as in no. 13,

with
manorial
privileges.

which my ffader foundid in þe Ile þe which is Called Oseney—
for þe helth of þe Kyng and þe wellefare of all þe Reame and
also for myne helth and of my wife and of soonys kynnesfolkes
and frendes, all such thynges þe which my ffadur to þe same 4
church yafe and with his charter confermed, þat is to say, all
that was his in the foresaide Ile of Oseney vnto þe mylles¹ of þe
castell; and the tythe of þe mylles; And þese churches, with
here pertinences, þe church² of Cudelyngton, of Weston, of 8
Cleydon, of Hokenorton, of chesterton, of Scheneston, of Wat-
lynton; And with-in þe borowgh of oxonforde londes þe which
helde Engerike and oper, as his charter witnesseth; and þe
tithe of Nichol Stodeham, þe which ffromunde chapeleyne 12
helde; and with-in Hokenorton dñ. hide the which was of
Hugh ffraunceys, and j. 3erde which was of maurice chanoñ;
and Eton and all þat longeth to hit (oute-take þe Mille).
Wherefore I wille and surely ordeyne þat nowe þe saide church 16
alle þe forsaide possessions and tenentryes holde, welle and in
peece, and worschipfully and fully, with all liberteis and his
ffre customs, in men, in howses, in woode and playne, and in
all other thynges and places, as euer oony other afore best helde 20
hit. These witnyssis &c³.

* leaf 4.
About
1185.

[17.] A confirmacion of Robert * Doylly þe thirdde, þat
is to Say, þe sone of Henry Doylly þe ffirst aforesaide
and Broþer off Henry Doylly þe Secunde.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doyly III,

of the gifts
of his
grand-
parents, of
his father,
and of his
elder
brother.

BE hit i-knowe to all true men of holy church that I, Robert
Doylly þe sone of Henry Doylly, grauntid and with this present
confermyd, to þe church of saynte Marye of Oseney ande to þe 24
chanonẽs þer seruyng god, for þe sowles of my predecessours and
of my kynnysfolkes, for my helth and of Henry my broþer and
of all myne, all þe tithynges³ þe which Robert my beele sire
and Edithe my beele Dame and Henry my ffadur and Henry 28
my broþer to þe same church madeñ, in churchis and tithis and
men and londis and medis and fedynges and in all pynges
tenentries and liberties, as þe charter of þe forsaide Henry

¹ Marginal note: 'Mylles, Oxon.'

² Names of all seven noted in margin.

³ 'tithynges' in error for 'yevynges,'

donaciones of the Latin being misread as
decimaciones.

witnesseth the which (me beyng present and assent yevyng) to peme he yafe. I haue i-grauntid also and confermed alle tithynges¹ þe which men of the fee of my faduŕ to þe same church & chanons maaden, as þe forsaide Henry my broþer (me beyng present and assent yevyng) with his charter to þem confermyd. These witnysses: Henry Doylly my broþer, ī. mony oþer.

[18.] **A Buil of Eugenyne pope iij confermyng þe forsaide** About 1146.
3evynges.

8 EUGENYE, bisshop, *seruaunte* of þe *seruauntes* of god, to my lound soonys Wigode prior of Oseneye and his breperyn both present and to be (regular lyfe i-professid, ī) of² þe Apostlis see, to þe which³ (owre lorde disposyng) þowgh vnworthy we bee
12 hede, vs sterith auctorite to ryghtfull axynges *with* dewe boundys⁴ to fauere, to þem namely þe which (wor[l]dly plesaunce i-put by-hynde) after⁵ þe purpose of regular lyfe religiously to leue and to þe almyghty lorde been⁶ knowe to serue: for this
16 cause, of⁷ my belouyd soonys in ouŕ lorde, to yowre ryghtfull axynges we mercifully⁸ graunt, and þe church of the blessid marye moder of god and euer Virgyn in þe which ye been sett
to goddis seruice vndur þe proteccion of saynte petur and ouŕ
20 we take, and with þe priuylege of this writyng we make stronge, ordeynyng þat all maner possessions, all goodis, now rygh[t]fully and lawfully 3e haue, or in tyme to come by graunt-
yng of bisshopis, liberalys of kynges, yevyng of pryncis, offryng
24 of true pepuls, or in oþer ryghtfull maners (oure lorde graunt-
yng) 3e⁹ shall be of powre to purchase, sure to yow and to your successours and vntaxid¹⁰ abyde. In þe which, these thynges we haue avised to be i-schewed in there owne names:—þe
28 church¹¹ of Cudelyngton, þe church of Weston, þe church of Hokenorton, þe church of Cleydon, þe church of Scheneston¹²,

Confirmation to Oseney, by pope Eugenius III,

under protection of the papacy, of all their estates,

and, by name, of those included in the diocesan's confirmation (no. 14), also of (no. 12) Shenstone,

¹ See p. 16, note 3.

² English darkened by following the Latin order: 'apostolice sedis . . . nos hortatur auctoritas.'

³ i.e. the see of Rome: cp. similar roundabout description of the see of Lincoln, 13/14.

⁴ 'benignitate,' boon-ness.

⁵ 'secundum regularis vite propositum.'

⁶ 'militare noscuntur.'

⁷ Omit 'of.' The Latin is in vocative case.

⁸ 'clementer annuimus.'

⁹ 'poteritis adipisci.'

¹⁰ 'illibata.'

¹¹ The names of the six churches are noted in the margin.

¹² The marginal spelling is 'Shenston.'

* leaf 4,
back.

and, in
addition,

(vii) Ston-
nall in
Shenstone,
Staffs.;
(viii) El-
ueue
pulehyn's
gift;
(ix) Hugh
of Pole-
sted's gift;
(x) Stone
church.
Right
to hold
services
during
interdict.
Right to
bury in the
conventual
cemetery
all canons
and ser-
vants of
Oseney

þe church of Chesterton; all þat was of Robert Doylly in
Oseney, with alle Dwellynges þe which he had vppon þe were
þe which is of þe Milles the which beð by þe Castell of oxon-
ford; And tithynges of þe same Milles; with-in þe borowgh of 4
oxonford, all rentis of londis þe which þe forsaide Robert ȝafe
to þe same church, ij. ȝ. of rent þe which helde ffromunde
chapeleyne, þe tythe of Nychol Stodeham; with-in Hokenorton,
free seruice of Hugh ffraunceys of halfe j. hide, and j. ȝerde of 8
londe; alle Eton with all thynges to hit perteynyng (outetake
þe mylle, and sperwesaye); of þe yifte of Kyng stephyñ, A pre-
bende of lx. ȝ. (of bensynton, xxiiij.; of Bampton, xxiiij.; of
Hedyndon, xij. ȝ.) and v. ȝ. v. d. ob. *qua.* with-inne þe borowgh 12
of oxonforde of þat londe þe which is i-called viij. *yerdys of þe
Kynges, with all customs to hit perteynyng; Of þe yifte of
Alide quene, j. hide þe which lyth at Hanberge and longeth
to Staunton; of þe yifte of Geffrey Chamburleyne of Glynton, 16
langeneye, with alle thynges to hit perteynyng; Of þe yifte of
Robert ffolioth, þat londe of his fee þe which lieth in þe grete
strete of Oxonforde; Of þe yifte of Hugh tywe, Stanhale, with
all thynges to hit longyng; The londe Also þe which was of 20
Raph ffyt sywarde, and elueue pulchyn, to yow resonable was
yeve; Of þe yifte of Hugh palestede¹, dñ. hide in þe same towñ,
with þe consent of Henry of Estsexe²; Of þe fee of William
Bracy, þe church of Stanes³. We haue also ordeynyd þat if þe 24
fforsaide Castell of oxonforde fro diuinis seruices by chaunce be
Enterdited, hit shall be lefull to yow notwithstanding, yates
i-closed and cursed men or enterdited i-putt owte, in lowe voice
to saye diuine seruice⁴; and your howseholde, and all them of 28
your⁵ paryssis þe which at ȝowe turne inne by cause of hospitalite
and þerre hap to be sike and to dye, in your churchȝerde free
faculte to berye we graunt to yow. ffor⁶ þis, we decree þat hit
be not lawfull to oony manne to troble frowardely þe forsaide 32
monastery, or þe possessions of hit to take aweye, or i-take away
to withholde, to lesson, or with ony greuances to make wery,

¹ Hugh of Polested in Suffolk (H. Salter).

² 'Essex', in Latin.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Note this priuilege
to say diuine seruice, þe londe Enterdited,

In þe castell.'

⁵ Read 'other': 'et eos omnes de alienis
parchiis, qui apud vos hospitalitatis causa
diuerterint.'

⁶ 'Decernimus ergo ut.'

but all pynges hoole be kepide for gouernynge¹ and susteynyng of them þe which þey² were i-grauntid³ to profite in all maner visis, sauynge þe auctorite of Apostlis see and þe lawfull ryȝht and reuerence of þe bisshop Diocesane. þerfore if oony mañ of þe church or seculere persone, knowe⁴ this writynge of owre ordinance, will ataste⁵ to come agaynste hit, þe secundu or þe þirde tyme i-warnyd, if he amende not with conuenient satisfacciõ, lacke⁶ (or lese) he þe dignyte of his powre and of his worschip, and know he hym-selfe gilty in þe Dome of god of þe wikednysses i-doo, and be he maade straunge and ferre fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure lorde agayne-byer Ihu criste, And be he vndur⁶ to þe streyte veniaunce in þe last dome; And the kepers and conseruatoures be filled with goddis blessyng, & Joy they with þe rewarde of Euerlastyng blisse. Amen.

itself, and all visitors to Oseney who die there. Anathema against violators of this charter.

[19.] A confirmacion of þe chapter of lincoln of þe churchis of Hokenorton, Cudelinton, Waterperye, Cleydon, and Stanes.

About 1200.

To all soonys of owr modur þe church to þe which this present writynge shall come, Roger⁷, Deen, and the chapter of lincolne, euerlastyng helth in oure lorde. Know ye all we to haue i-grauntid, and as muche þat perteyneth (or longeth⁸) to vs to haue i-confermed, to the church of saynte marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, churchis⁹ of Hokenorton, of Cudelyngton, of Waterperye, of Cleydon, of Stanes, with all þere pertinences, in to þere owne visis, to be had and to be holde, also hooly and pesibli as þey holde and haue i-holde of grauntyng of worschipsfull ffadurs bisshops of þe church of lincoln. And that þis grauntyng and confirmacion abide clere in tyme to be, this present writynge, with þe streng[t]h of oure seele we haue i-made hit myȝhty and stronge. These witnyssys .i.

Confirmation to Oseney, by the dean and chapter of Lincoln, of five rectories.

¹ 'gubernatione.'

² 'concessa sunt visibus omnimodis profutura.'

³ Read 'knowing,' 'sciens.'

⁴ 'temptaverit.'

⁵ 'potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat.'

⁶ i.e. subject to the strait vengeance at the last judgement.

⁷ Roger de Rolveston, dean of Lincoln, 1195-1223.

⁸ Alternative rendering of 'pertinet.'

⁹ Stone and Waterperry, as in no. 37; the others, as in no. 12.

[20.] [VII.] Howe þ^e church of Seynte George was
i-geve to þ^e chanons of Oseney.

* leaf 5.

Fiction that Robert Doyly II, founder of Oseney, obtained, in 1149, transference to his own foundation (no. 12), of his uncle's (Robert Doyly I) foundation (no. 2).

* IN¹ the 3ere of ou^r-lorde anno MⁱCxlix (in the tyme of Eugenyne pope iij, an^d of Kyng stheephyn, and of theobalde Archiebisschop of Canturbery, and of Robert of chesnet bisshop of lincoln), of Robert Doylly þe ij (þe which was sone of Nige^l Doylly) was i-geve the church of saynte George, with all his *pertinences*, to þe regular chanons of Oseney, and of Geffrey of Iuory confermyd—þe which afore was i-gefe to þe secular chanons in þe castell of Oxonforde: in þese wordes—— 8

Pro-
fessedly
1149.

[21.] Þe principa^l charter of þe same Robert Doylly þe
Secunde, of þ^e saide yifte.

Pretended
confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doyly II,

BE hit i-knowe to all cristen^e meⁿ þat I, Robert Doylly, wyllyng and grauntyng Edithe my wiffe and my soonys Henry and gilbert, 3efe and graunt, in-to pure and perpetue^l almys, to the church of god and of Seynte marye his modur and to þe 12 regular chanons in hit *seruyng* god And of² saynte marye his moder þe which (counseylyng and confermyng Robert³ by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln) I foundid in þe Ile þe which is i-called Oseney, for þe helth of þe Kyng and þ^e welefa^r of all þe 16 Reame and also for myne owⁿ helth and of my wife and soones, kynnesfolkes, and of owre frendes, alle þat is myne in þe forsaide Ile; with alle Dwellynges þe which I had vppon þe where⁴ þ^e which is of my mylles; and alle þat I had in þe borowgh 20 of oxonforde or in þe subarbys; and þe church⁵ of Seynte George the which is i-set in þe Castell of oxonforde, with all churchis and chapells londis rentis tenauntries and tithes possessions and other thynges to þe saide church of seynte 24

of his gifts
at Oseney
and in
Oxford, as
in no. 12
(a, b, e);
and grant
of St.
George's
church
(no. 2),

¹ An unskilful forgery. Robert Doyly II died September 1142, about a fortnight before Stephen began the siege of Oxford (Oseney Chronicle). St. George's was transferred to Oseney in 1149, by Henry Doyly, the founder's son. No. 21 is also a forgery. Whatever was 'de fundatione domus' was specially secure in the eyes of the law; and there was a strong temptation to attribute later accessions to the

founder himself. The true grant is no. 23.

² This second 'and of saynte marye his moder' is unrepresented in the Latin.

³ In error. Alexander was bishop of Lincoln at the foundation of Oseney.

⁴ 'super waram.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'the graunte of the Churche of saint George to Osney with his appartenance; the tythes of all the Castell, &c. & others: note.'

George perteynyng: þat is to say, þe church of marye Mawde-
 leyne, þe which is i-set in þe subarbes of oxonforde, with iij.
 hides in Walton, and þe lond of ¹ xxti. acres, and þe tithe of þe
 4 same londes, and with þe mede þat is i-called Brummannys
 mede, with þe tithes of þe same mede, And with þe tithe of
 Northam ², Wyueleye, And lynch ³, and of all [the ⁴ lands and
 meads and other titheable things which are between] þe castell
 8 of Oxonforde and Henxsey or botely (þat is to say, in oxonforde
 shire), ande with oper thynges and tithis to þe saide church
 of saynte Marye Mawdeken perteynyng; and ⁵ þe church of
 Cowlay, with iij. hides of lond in Cudeslawe and other
 12 pertinences, and iij. hides of lond, and medis ⁶ of Sidenham and
 ffrogmore, with men tithes and pertinences; and þe chapell of
 þe ffrees, with þe dwellyng or mansion and þe lond evyn
 ageynst þe chapell towarde þe west, with ffedynges and pastures
 16 and his oper pertinences; And ij. hides in Ernycote, with þe
 woode and oper pertinences; and þe church of Stowe, with alle
 þe towne, and with þe chapell of morton, and ij. hides of þe ffee
 of saynte George in þe same town, to-gedur with þe woodes and
 20 other thynges and libertees to þe church of saynte George
 perteynyng; and þe lond of Worton, with the tithe of j. hide
 in þe same towne; and j. hide with þe pertinences in Saunforde;
 and þe lond of fforsthull, and of Burton, and of bothe
 24 Stoonehale, with þe chapelis in þe same, woodis, villenages,
 rentes, and tithis and other thynges of my ffee, to þe church
 of Saynte george perteynyng; And half j. hide and j. 3erdelonde
 in Hokenorton, with þe pertinences; and ij. parties of tithe
 28 of alle thyng þe which is i-wonyd⁷ to be tithid of all demaynes
 of ayther honowr þe which lye to þe Castell of Oxenforde, þat

with all its
 property,
 viz. (1)
 St. Mary
 Magdalene
 with lands,
 meads, and
 tithes, to
 the north
 and west
 of Oxford;

(2) Cowley
 church, 2
 hides, and
 meadows;
 (3) Cutslow,
 3 hides;
 (4) Frees
 chapel
 and land;
 (5) Arncott,
 2 hides;
 (6) Stowe,
 church
 and land;
 (7) Morton,
 chapel
 and land;
 (8) Worton,
 land and
 tithe;
 (9) Sand-
 ford, land;
 (10) Forest-
 hill, chapel
 and land;
 (11) Stonnall,
 Staffs;
 (12) Black-
 bourton;
 (13) Hook-
 norton,
 land; tithes
 of the Doyly
 and Iveri
 demesnes,
 viz.

¹ The land called 'Twenty acres' lay in the north suburb of Oxford in the neighbourhood of the modern Walton Street. At the present day there is a field called 'Twenty acres' ('Twenty pound Meadow') in the west suburb, opposite the modern St. Frideswyde's parish church. The coincidence of name has sometimes caused confusion.

² A meadow by Cherwell, whose name survives in the modern Norham Road.

³ See note in no. 54.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ The clauses are out of order. The

Latin gives, correctly, 'and the church of Cowley, with two hides of land and the meads of Sydenham and Froggemore, and other pertinences; and three hides of land in Cutslow with men, tithes, and other pertinences.' Cutslow, two miles north of Oxford, is a member of Kidlington (Wood's *Life and Times*, i. 353).

⁶ These meadows lay east of the Cherwell, opposite Christ Church meadow: see 'Sidnam' in Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. map ii.

⁷ i.e. demesne-lands: Latin 'de omnibus dominiciis utriusque honoris.'

(14) of six manors by Banbury;
 (15) of nine manors by Woodstock;
 * leaf 5, back.

(16) of fourteen manors by Bicester;

(17) of twelve manors chiefly in Bucks;

(18) of six manors by Bampton;

(19) of ten manors, Oxford to Boarstall;
 (20) of seven manors in Gloucestershire;

(21) of six manors by Watlington;
 (22) of nine

is to saye, of Hokenorton¹, Swerforde, Bereforde², Wiginton, and of j. hide and dj. in Edburbury³, and of j. hide and þe thirde parte [of half] of j. hide in Cornewell; and of Cudelyngton⁴, Throp⁵, Withhull⁶, Hensynton⁷, and Northlye⁸, and of j. hide 4 and dj. in Barthon Odonis⁹, and Rolesham¹⁰ of eyþer *courte, and of dunstywe, ledewell¹¹; and Heyforde, of Hampton¹² with Northbroke gaytorum, & blechesdon¹³, of Weston¹⁴, Burcetur¹⁵ with Wrechwike¹⁶, Buckenhuil¹⁷, Arduley¹⁸ with northbroke by 8 Somerton, of Mixbury, Willauston¹⁹, ffullewell, Hordewyke²⁰; Tynforde²¹, Westbury, Shaleston, Turesmere²², Stratforde²³, Turueston²⁴, and Caldewell²⁵, of Wyke²⁶, Thorneton, Thorneborowgh, Radecluye, Haseley²⁷; of Burton²⁸, Kencote, Northton²⁹, 12 Bampton, Dukelynton, Escote³⁰ doyluorum; of bekeley³¹ of all þe towne, Horthton³², Morkote³³, and of dj. hide in stodeleye³⁴ pat longeth to bekeleye, and of Asshe³⁵, of Wodepwyke³⁶, and pure³⁷, Elfelfelde³⁸, Ocle³⁹, and Horspathe; of Turkedyn⁴⁰, lituif 16 Rysynden⁴¹, Treton⁴², Hampton⁴³, Tetbury, cherynton, and Heselden⁴⁴; of Watlynton, Goryng, Weston by chiltre⁴⁵, Estcote⁴⁶ (by Holcombe) of the fee that longeth to þe castell of oxonforde, Euere⁴⁷, and of ayther courte of shyrburn; Ardynton, 20

¹ Noted in margin. Of the six, three are in Chadlington hundred, three in Bloxham hundred.

² Barford.

³ Adderbury.

⁴ Kidlington.

⁵ Thrupp.

⁶ White-hill, in Tackley parish.

⁷ Hensington, in Bladon parish.

⁸ Northleigh.

⁹ Little Barton: see no. 128.

¹⁰ Rousham.

¹¹ Ledwell or Lodwell, in Wootton parish.

¹² Hampton Gay: this set is in Ploughley hundred.

¹³ Bletchington.

¹⁴ Weston-on-the-Green.

¹⁵ Bicester.

¹⁶ A hamlet in Bicester parish.

¹⁷ Bucknell.

¹⁸ Ardley. 'Ardulfeyn' in Henry III's Insepimus.

¹⁹ Woolaston in Mixbury parish.

²⁰ Hardwick.

²¹ Thenford in Northants.

²² Tusmore, near Cottisford.

²³ Water Stratford.

²⁴ Turweston.

²⁵ Not identified. 'Goldewelle' in the Latin.

²⁶ Wyke = Wick-Dyve, Northants.

²⁷ Haseley, in Radclive parish, Bucks.

²⁸ Blackbourton, in Bampton hundred.

²⁹ Brize Norton.

³⁰ Ascot D'oyly.

³¹ Beckley, in Bullingdon hundred.

³² Horton, in Beckley parish.

³³ Mercot, in Charlton-on-Otmoor.

³⁴ Studley.

³⁵ Probably Nash, in Beckley parish.

³⁶ Woodperry.

³⁷ (Water)perry.

³⁸ Elsfield.

³⁹ Oakley, by Boarstall.

⁴⁰ Turkdean.

⁴¹ Rissington.

⁴² Treton, now called Bruerne.

⁴³ Hampnett, Glouc.

⁴⁴ Haselton, Glouc.

⁴⁵ Marginge = the Chilterns: and so South-Churches at Pirton hundred.

⁴⁶ Ascot, in Great Milton parish, in Thame hundred.

⁴⁷ Iver, Bucks.

Betrynton¹, Harewell, ledecumbe, and in Elflinton² of thre hides and of þe mylle, of Craneforde³, leyes⁴, tenesse⁵, Tenyeth⁶; Haurugge⁷, Koleston⁸, Messeworth⁹, and clon-
 4 pam¹⁰; and all þe tithe of þe Demayne of Wolgarcote¹¹, and in Baldynton¹² of thre hides, and in Wauerton¹³, of þe demayne, of Crostes¹⁴ and Tewycrosse¹⁵ ij. parties of all maner tithes, ande
 8 in Ibston þe tithe of oon hide, and in Cutlynton¹⁶, þe tithe of j. hide, ande in Cawdewell þe tithe of three 3erdes. Wherefore I wille and surely charge þat þe chanons of þe foresaide church and pere successours haue and holde, well and in peece, all tenementes londis rentis tithis and possessions þe which þey
 12 haue in all þe forsaid maners, and also of me and my eyres or my men may geete in tyme to come, with all liberteis¹⁷ and free customs þe which I euer had or oony of myne aunceturs; and þat þey haue pere courte ffre of here men of all maner
 16 transgressions or mysdoynge¹⁸ and defautes; and been quyte, bothe they and there tenauntes, of all maner sutes of my cowrite, and of sute of my myllis, and of all demaundis or axynge¹⁹, outetake Justice or ryght of deth or of membres. And if þey
 20 or there men be amerced agaynst me or myne eyres of²⁰ my baylyffs for oony cause, trespas, or forfeite, all mercys²¹ and mercymentes and all fynes and all profytes and all outegoynge²² of pleyes þat comen forthe of þem or of pere men shall be of þe
 24 chanons selfe, withoute oony agayne-holdyng to me or to myne heyres, weper hit be for defautes or for oony other cawse. Also I will and charge surely þat þe saide chanons and pere suc-
 chiefly Berk-shire manors; (23) of some twelve dispersed manors;
 with manorial privileges (no. 39);
 exemption from service to courts and mills of Doyly manors;
 right to fines imposed on their tenants;
 right to common

¹ Batterton, Berks.

² Elfreton in Welford parish, Berks.

³ Cranford in Northts., near Kettering.

⁴ Leyes is probably Northleigh, *supra*.

⁵ Tenesse is perhaps Asshe, *supra*.

⁶ Tenyeth (or Peryeth, as in the Latin) is probably Woodperry, *supra*.

⁷ Hawridge, Cotslow hundred, Bucks.

⁸ Coleston- or Colston-Basset, Notts.

⁹ Marsworth, Cotslow hundred, Bucks.

¹⁰ Clapham, Beds.

¹¹ Marginal note: 'Note for tithes of the demesne of Wolgarcote,' i.e. Wolvercote.

¹² Baldon, Oxon.

¹³ Waverton, or Warton, in Leominster parish, Herefordshire.

¹⁴ Crostes seems to be another name for

the manor in Waverton, which paid tithe to Oseney.

¹⁵ Twycross in Orton-on-the-hill parish, Leicestershire.

¹⁶ 'Curtlington' in the Latin, i.e. Kirtlington.

¹⁷ Marginal note: 'Note and marke þe liberties.'

¹⁸ As usual, the word introduced by 'or' is an alternative English word for the preceding Latinism. The Latin is 'de omnimodis transgressionibus et defaltis.'

¹⁹ Latin: 'de omnimodis demandis excepta iustitia mortis et membrorum.'

²⁰ Read 'or': 'seu.'

²¹ Marginal note: 'Note for ffynes & amerciamentes, &c.'

²² Latin, 'exitus.'

pasture for sheep, pigs, and cattle; cessours and þere tenauntes haue fre entryng ande goyng oute ande fre commune to þere shepe and hogges and to all here bestes in all my maners, and that þey be not inparked or y-poyned¹ but þey be i-founde in open harme; þat² if hit⁴ happen, þey maye receyue þere bestes³ and by the syght of lawfull men þe harme þat þere bestis haue i-do, owte of my courte, to make to be amendid: and that this my yifte and graunt ande confymacion of this charter be Sure and stable for 8 euer, To this wrytyng I haue put to my seele. Thes witnesses, Theobalde archiebisshop of Canterbury, Bisshop of Wircetur Symon, Thurstane⁴ archiebisshop of Yorke, Robert Bisshop of lyncoln, Gilbert filioth Herforde, Henry Doyly and Gilbert his brother, and otheṛ.

[NOTE.—As far back as Anthony Wood's time (*City of Oxford*, ii. 190-2) the preceding section of the Oseney Register was felt to be a puzzle, and many of the names in it long remained untraced. The Rev. H. E. Salter, by collation of the original Oseney deeds as well as of the Registers, has solved the problem of the section and identified its names. The 'charter,' he points out, must have been invented after 1191, by tacking together several grants of earlier and later dates, without the least attempt to make them fit in with each other. The charter, by its witnesses, professes to be of date 1149, but Robert Doyly II died seven years before that. The bishop of Lincoln at the foundation of Oseney was Alexander, not Robert. The constructor of the charter may have taken the name Robert either from Alexander's predecessor, Robert Bloet (1093-1123), who during his episcopate seems to have granted a confirmation-charter to St. George's church; or from Alexander's successor, Robert de Chesnei (1147-68), who in 1149 sanctioned the grant, by Henry Doyly I, of St. George's church and its possessions to Oseney. The deed makes Oseney in 1149 possessed of Frees chapel, which in fact was the gift of Thomas of St. Walery about 1191; and of the tithes of Twycross and Warton obtained in 1187-9 by an exchange, which is fully described in the Oseney Cartulary. The list of places is confused by the jumbling together of names taken from different confirmations. Thus, the scribe gives both Perieth and Woodperry, but they are probably the same; so also, probably, Leyes and Northlye; Asshe and Tenesse; Cawdewell (Caldewell) and Goldwell.]

About
1100.

[22.] A confirmacion off Geffrey of Iuory þe sone of
Roger of Iuory off þe Same yifte.

All men knowe that I, Gefferye of Iuorye, grauntid, and with
* leaf 6. this my present charter con*fermed, to god And to þe Church

¹ 'or y-poyned' is an English equivalent of the preceding word: Latin is merely 'ne possint imparcari.'
² 'quod si contigerit.'

³ i.e. out of the pound, on giving surety for payment of damage: cp. nos. 39, 40.

The Latin is 'per vadimonium averia sua recipiant.'

⁴ Another mark of forgery. Thurstan died 1140. If the charter were genuine, it would have been witnessed by Henry Murdac, archbishop 1147-53.

of Saynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all londis churchis rentis tithis and possessions þey hauē in all my maners, of the yifte of Robert Doyly and the grauntyng
 4 of Roger of Iuorpe my faduṛ, in-to pure and perpetuell almes, as þe charters of þe forsaide Robert and roger þe which they haue fully witnyse: and, for that I wyll þe yevyng and grauntyng of þe forsaide Robert and Roger be sure and stable for
 8 eueṛ, with my seele imprentyng this present wrytyng I haue i-seelid: These witnyse Robert, by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln; Robert Doyly þe yunguṛ, &c^o.

Pretended confirmation to Oseney (about 1249), by Jeffrey of Iveri, joint-patron (nos. 1, 3) of St. George's church, of no 21.

NOTE.—The charter, as it stands, cannot be genuine, because the Iveri family became extinct about 1110, several years before Oseney was founded. A genuine deed, by which Jeffrey of Iveri confirmed its possessions to the church of St. George, seems to have been adapted to strengthen the forgery (no. 21), by substituting 'Marye of Oseney' for 'George.'

[23.] A confirmacion of Henry Doylly þe ffirst þe Sone¹ of þe saide Robert Doylly his ffadur off þe saide thynges. A D. 1149.

BE hit i-knowe to all trew men of holy church that I,
 12 Henry Doylly, with þe consent and grauntyng of my Broþer Gilbert, and with þe counsell of Syre Robert (þe soone of Roger²) my broþer and of my moduṛ and of oðer ffrendes and of my men, yefe and graunte, in-to perpetuell almys, for þe
 16 sowle of Kyng Henry and for þe sowle of my ffadur Robert Doylly and other kynnesfolkes and of myne aunceturs and for my helth and of my moduṛ and of my brethryñ and of oper of my ffrendes and for þe state and welesfare of all þe realme, to
 20 þe church of Saynte marye þe which my ffadur fundid in þe Ile þe which is i-called Oseney and to þe chanons in hit seruyng god, my church of Saynte George the which is in þe Castell of Oxonforde, with all thynges þe which beñ of my fee
 24 and perteynyng to hit, þat is to say, in howses in tithis in playne in woode in ryvers and in ffedynges and in all oper thynges, with customs & liberteis þe which he³ helde in þe

Grant to Oseney, by Henry Doyly I,

of St. George's church.

¹ MS. has 'the Sone the Sone.' This is a genuine deed, extant as Brit. Mus. Add. Charter 20,361.

² A most misleading slip. The Latin

has 'domini Roberti filii regis'; i. e. of lady Edith's son by Henry I.

³ Read 'it'; i. e. the church.

tyme of my aunceturs þe which foundid¹ hit. Wherefore I wille and surely ordeyne þat þe forsayde church of Saynte George¹, of þe which my ffadur was foundur and of þe which I am patrone and advocate, This addyng² to þencresyng of my⁴ ffadurs almys þe which³ be ordeyned þere, hit holde, of me and of all myne heyres and successours, quietly and worschipfully, all exaccioñ i-put⁴ a-bak, fro this tyme nowe and for Euer
Witnesses: Daniell, Abbot of Mussendene; Alurede⁵, Abbot of⁸ Dorchester, ꝑ.

About
1155.

[24.] A confirmacion of þe same Henry off þe forsaide thynges and off other giftes of his modur.

Confirmation to
Oseney, by Henry
Doyle I (died
1163), of

(1) St. George's
church;

(11) in *Hooknorton*,
1 hide of villen-
age, 3 hides of
demesneland, &
24 acres meadow;
(111) in *Claydon*, 2
hides of villen-
age, of lady
Edith's gift (died
1152); $\frac{1}{4}$ hide in ex-
change;
 $\frac{3}{4}$ hide given by
Philip Hampton
(with surrender of
fendal superi-
ority);
8 'tilths' given by
lady Edith,

* leaf 6, back.

BE hit i-knowe to all trew meñ of holy church that I Henry Doylly, yefe and graunt, and with my charter Conferme, in-to ffre and pure almes, to þe church of God¹² and of Saynte marye his modur and to þe chanons in hit seruyng god (þe which my ffadur foundid¹ in þe Ile þe which is i-called¹ Oseney), þe church of Saynte George, with all thynges perteynyng to hit of my ffee; and in¹⁶ Hokenorton, j. hide of villenage, and Prestfelde and buturhulle for thre hides, and of þe mede of my lordship as much as perteyneth to thre hides (þat is to say, ij. acre, euerych yerde); In cleydon, ij. hides of villenage, þe which²⁰ my modur 3afe to þe same church, and halfe and hide (also of villenage) þe which I 3afe to þeñ in-to an Eschaunge of dñ. ooñ hide (also of villenage) þe which is in Westoñ, & dñ. an hide of þe yifte of philippe of Hampton²⁴ ande of his wiffe and of his soone, of þe which I clayme nowe quyte to þe sayde church þat þe same philippe and his heyres ofte⁶ to me þere-of, and al-so-much of my lordship as^{*} my fader⁷ yafe to þeñ (that is to say, Medehulle²⁸ and Senesham and the redelande and Sibrecrofte and

¹ A strange error. Latin has, correctly, 'prefata sancte Marie ecclesia'; i. e. Oseney.

² 'additamentum.' This 'adding,' really by Henry Doyle I, is attributed to his father in the spurious deed (no. 21).

³ 'quam,' scil. eleemosinam. The refer-

ence is to the foundation-gift (no. 12).

⁴ 'postposita.'

⁵ Alfred, abbot of Dorchester, 1146-63.

⁶ 'debebant.'

⁷ A slip. Latin has, correctly, *mater*. 'She' ('ipsa') follows lower down.

Kynges bruggehale and^r stodefolde and^r prettesthor^u and^r benetebrech), and^r d^j. an hide þe which was of Geffrey, with þe mede þat she with þe same lond^es assyn^d to þe^m. And j. 4 crofte and^r a volate þat Hemmyng preste was i-wony^d to haue, and pannage of here owne hogges, and^r in woode in þe same towne that¹ is nede to howsis and^r hegges to be made and^r to fyre to be made; In Westoⁿ, j. hide and d^j. [that 8 is to say], thre 3erdes of villenage (þat is to say², a 3erde where þe mansion of þe chanons is, and^r a 3erde þe which Robert holdeth, [and³ a yerde the which Herbert holdeth]), and thre yerdes of þe lordeship, as my modur maade to be 12 deliuered to þe^m; In Etoⁿ, Sparewesaye⁴ for j. hide; and xx^{ti} acris of Waltoⁿ, with meⁿ, and^r medis and^r ffelynges; and^r in all my maners pasture for þere owne oxoⁿ & þere shepe and^r hogges commune with myne. Wherefore I wille 16 and^r surely ordeyⁿ þat þe saide church alle þe forsaide tenures and^r possessions haue & hold^r, we^{ll} and^r in pece, and^r worschipfully and^r fully, with all liberteis and^r his ffre customs in meⁿ in howsis in londis in woode in playne and^r 20 in all other thynges and^r placis. Witnyssis, Water of Tywe, i.

with a $\frac{1}{2}$ hide and meadow, a croft, and a volate; free pannage, house-bote, hedge-bote, and fire-wood; (iv) In *Weston-on-the-Green*, 3 yardlands of villeinage, 3 of demesne-land, of lady Edith's gift;

(v) in *Water-eaton*, Sparewesaye; (vi) in *Walton*, 'Twenty acres,' with pasture and other rights; with rights of common pasture in all Doyly manors.

[25.] A confirmacion of Henry Doylly þ^e ij. of his 3ifte About
aforesaide. 1182.

Be hit i-knowe to all true meⁿ of holy church that I, Henry Doylly þe soone of Henry Doylly, with þe consent and^r assent of Robert my broþer and^r with þe counse^{ll} of myne free meⁿ, 24 grauntid; and^r with my charter confermed; to the church of saynte marye of Oseney and^r to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe sowles of my predecessours and^r of myne kynnesfolkes and^r for my helth and^r of myne, in-too free and^r perpetue^{ll} almes, all 28 þe yevynges the which Robert⁵ Beele my fflader maade to þe same church and^r Edith my Beele moder and^r Henry my fflader, þat is to say;

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Henry
Doyly II
(died 1232),
of the
grants
made,

Of þe yefte of Robert my Beele Sire (the which þe forsaide (a) by his

¹ 'quod necesse fuerit domibus et sepibus suis reficiendis, et ad focum faciendum.'

² cp. no. 26.

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Reserved to the lord in the former grant (no. 12).

⁵ Latin: 'Robertus avus meus.'

grand-
father (no.
12);

church founded), aft þe forsaide Ile of Oæney, with aft dwellynges þe which been of my fee vppon the weer in the same Ile, and tithynges of þe mylles þe which beð by the castei of oxonforde; and vnder þe waft, j. dwellyng þe which was of 4 Waryne chapeleyne; and þes churches of my fee, þe church of Cudelyngtoñ, þe church of Westoñ, þe church of Hokenortoñ, þe church of Cleydoñ, þe church of shenstoñ, þe church of chestertoñ; with-in þe borowgh¹ of oxonforde þe londes þe 8 which helden Engerike, Raymunde, Ailnot, Godwyn þe soñ² Edwache, ermenolde, Godwyne Nicuma, Swetyng Cadica, Rauenyng, Segryne by the Waft, Henry Cōrueser, leofwyn Haltyng³, Godwyn money make, Brythrik money make, 12 Godrik, William, Raph Backster⁴, leofwyne Budda, Geffrey Miller; and ⁵ ij. æ. þe which helde fromunde chapeleyne, and þe tithyng of Nicot of Stodeham the which þe same fromunde helde; and Etoñ aft þe towne in þe lordeschip and villenage 16 and free fee (oute-take þe mylle, and Sparwesaye); within Hokenortoñ, dj. an hide þe which was off Hugh fraunceys, and j. 3erde londe þe which helde Morice.

(b) by his
father (no.
24);

* leaf 7.

[Watling-
ton church,
see no. 13.]

Of þe yifte of Henry my ffaður, þe church of Seynte George, 20 with aft thynges þe which * longe to hit of my fee; þe church of Watlyntoñ; In Hokenortoñ, j. hide of villenage, and prestfelde⁶, and of þe mede of the lordeschip al-so-muche as longeth to thre hides (that is to say, two acris to euery 3erde); 24 In Etoñ, sparewesay; and xx^{ti} acris⁷ of Walton, with men & medes and fedynges longyng to þe same.

(c) and
grand-
mother
(no. 24).

Of þe yifte of my Bele Dame Edithe also, and of my ffaður, in Cleydoñ, ij. hides and dj. ande of þe lordeschip of the same 28 towne Suenesham and the redelande and Sibcrofte and Kynges bruggehal and Stodefolve and Benet breche, and dj. hide þe which was of Geffrey with a mede þe which perteyneth to þe same londes, and j. crofte and a volate⁸ the⁹ Hemimnyng preste 32 was i-woned to have, and pannage of here owne hogges, and in

¹ MS. repeats 'within þe borowgh.'

² 'Godwinus filius Edwaker' in the Latin; so the translator did not venture to say 'the son of Edwarcher.'

³ 'Leofwinus claudus.'

⁴ 'pistor.'

⁵ 'et duas solidatas redditus quas.'

⁶ The Latin adds 'et Buterhull.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'Note: xx^{ti} acres of Walton with men & meades and fedinges to the same.'

⁸ 'Et unam croftam et volatam.'

⁹ Probably 'the [which] Hemming,' but 'the' by itself is found in this MS. as a relative. Latin has 'quam Hemmingus presbiter solebat habere.'

the woode of þe same towne that is nede to theñ to howses and
 hegges to be i-made and to be ffire to be made; In Westoñ
 j. hide and dñ. [that is to say] iij. 3erdes of villenage (that is to
 4 say, j. 3erde where þe dwellyng of þe chanons is, and a 3erde
 þat Robert holdeth [and a yerde that Herbert holdeth ¹]), and
 thre 3erdes of þe lordeschip, with the mede; and in all my
 maners commune pasture to þere owne oxoñ [and to their
 8 sheep ¹], and to þere hogges, with myne.

Ffurþermore, I haue i-3efe to þe forsaide chanons in-to
 Encresyng ², for þe sowle of my ffadurs and modurs ³ and for
 myne helth and of myne, all my mede þe which is at þe west of
 12 here courte of osney (now ⁴ hit is i-called ffullyngmylleham ⁵
 and þe hurst ⁵ with þe mede lying pere-to), in-to perpetueñ
 almys, ffire and quite for all seruice, and purpresture ⁵ of here
 Gardeyne of Cudelyntoñ; and þe chanons quite-claymed to me
 16 two telthis in Cleydoñ, that is to say, Medehalle and prestes-
 thoroñ, þe which þey claymed agaynste me of þe 3ifte of my
 Beledame and of my ffadur.

Grant to
 Oseney, by
 said Henry
 Doily II, of

meadow
 and land
 near Ose-
 ney, and
 a strip
 of land at
 Kidlington,
 Oseney re-
 linquishing
 2 'tilths'
 at Claydon,
 no. 24 (iii).

This grauntyng and 3evyng and confirmacion I made with þe
 20 wille and assent of Robert my broþer and with þe counsell of
 my ffire meñ, and vppoñ þe Auter of saynte marye in þe forsaide
 church of Oseney I offerid; and my body to be i-beried after
 my deth I vrowid. Wherefore I will that þe forsaide church and
 24 chanons alle þe fornamed thynges haue and holde for euer as
 ffirely and quietly fro all seruice þat to me or myne eyres
 perteyneth as oony of my predecessores helde þem most fre and
 most quietly whanne þey were in my lordeschip These witnesses,
 28 Robert my Broder ⁶, &c².

[Offering
 on altar.]
 [Burial at
 Oseney.]

[26.] A confirmacion of Robert Bisshop of lincoln of þe
 fforsaide thynges and of Bladen and Midlee and of
 oper 3iftis of þemperice and off oper.

About
 1158.

ROBERT, By the grace of God, Bisshop of lincoln ꝛ. Wherefore
 we, 3evyng ly3ghȝt assent to þe ry3ghȝtfull prayers of owr moste

Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney, by

¹ Added from the Latin.

² 'in augmentum.'

³ 'pro animabus parentum.'

⁴ The bracketed words are a later ex-
 planation. In the Latin they occur as a
 marginal note.

⁵ Name noted in the margin.

⁶ 'Roberto de Witefeld tunc vicecomite
 Oxenefordie' follows in the Latin. Robert
 of Witefeld was sheriff from Easter 1182
 to Easter 1185: List of Sheriffs (Publ.
 Rec. Office, 1898).

Robert of
Chesney
(bp. of Lin-
coln 1148-
66),

Dere soone Wigode Abbot¹ of Oseney ande of his Brethryñ, the church of Saynte marye in þe which þey be i-geve to goddis service, [the which] in þe Ile the which is i-callid Oseney was i-foundid and made, with all thynges with-inne the costis to 4 yowr parisshe perteynyng, vnder þe Defence of Saynt mary and owre we take, and with þese letters we make hit strong: in the which, these thynges to be i-schewed we have avised in here owne names, that is to say: 8

of ten
churches
in his
diocese;

þe church of Saynte George, with all his holenysse²; þe church of Cudelintoñ, þe church of Westoñ, þe church of Hokenortoñ, þe church of Cleydoñ, þe church of Chestertoñ, þe church of Watelintoñ, þe church of Stanys, þe church of 12 Cowley, and þe chapel of fforsthuff; and all that was of Robert Doyly founder of this church, and of Henry his sone, in Oseney, with all Dwellynges þe which been vpon the were of þe Milles, and all þe londe þat þey had withinne þe Borowgh 16 of Oxonforde; And all Etoñ³, with all þynges to hit * per- teynyng (but þe Mille); and in Hokenortoñ, dñ. hide þe which was of Hugh ffraunceys, and j. 3erdelonde þe which was of Morice; þere also j. hide of londe with iiij. meñ of Warlande⁴, 20 and of þe lordship prestesfelde and buturhuff, and of þe mede of þe lordship al-so-muche as longeth to iij. hides; In Westoñ iij. 3erdes of londe of Warlant⁵ and iij. of þe lordship with þe mede; In cleydoñ, ij. hides of Warlant, and vj. of Cotlane⁶, 24 and of þe lordship prestesthorñ and benetbrech and stodeforde and in a-nopeñ felde Medelham with þe mede in þe hedis, of⁷ Redelande and Sibcrofte and Kynges brugge hale; and xxi^{ti} Acris⁸ in Walton, with medys and ffedynges; and ij. 3. of Rent 28 þe which ffromunde Chapeleyne helde, and þe tithe of Nichol of Stodeham;

of king
Stephen's
gift (no.
14);

And of Kyng Henry and of themperice, a prebende þe which was of peuerell of lx. 3., and with-inne þe borowgh of Oxon- 32 forde iij. 3. v. d. ob. *qua.* of viij. 3erdes of þe Kynge, and þe lok¹⁰

¹ See n. 7, p. 13.

² 'cum omni integritate sua.'

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ 'cum quattuor hominibus de Warland.'

⁵ Sic: and so also in the Latin.

⁶ Read 'and vi. cotlands.' Latin has '& sex cotlanz.' A *cotagium* or *cotland*

was 2 acres, or 4 acres, attached to a cottar's house.

⁷ Omit 'of.' Latin 'le Redeland.'

⁸ Marginal note: 'the prebend of peuerell; xxi^{ti} acres in Walton, with meades & fedinges. Note.'

⁹ 'v. s.' in the Latin, and in nos. 14, 18.

¹⁰ Marginal note: 'The locke.'

or goter pat Hildewyñ helde þe which was of Henry Costentine,
and þe londe þe which was of Geffray and William Brethryñ¹,
and þe londe þe which was of Theodorike le bere, and þe lond
4 þe which was of Godefrey at seynte Judook², and þe londe þe
which was of Nigelle of Gardeyne, and þe pere-by þe londe the
which Hisumwharde helde;

and, of new
acquisi-
tions,
of the lock
(59, 61), and
lands near
Oseney;

And of þe 3ifte of quene Adelide, and grauntyng of them-
8 perice, j. hide by þe brygge of Bladone, with the lordeship and
þe mede;

also, con-
firmation
of dowager
queen
Alice's gift
(no. 83);
of Langney
(14), and
Medley (69);
of lands in
Oxford (14,
18) and
elsewhere;

And þe³ Ile of langeneye, of þe 3ifte of Geffrey Chamburleyne
and of themperice; and a-noper Ile of Mideley, of þe 3ifte of
12 þe Citecyñs of oxonford; and j. dwellyng by the northe 3ate of
þe 3ifte of Robert ffolioth; and þe londe þe which Raph ffit
sywarde 3afe; and þe londe þat Elue⁴ puleyñ yafe; And of
þe 3ifte of Hugh Tywe⁵; In Cleydon, of þe 3ifte of philip
16 Hampton, dñ. hide; In fforsthull, ij. hides; In Watlynton, of
þe 3ifte of Halinalde of Bidun, j. 3erde of londe of þe lordeship;
In cote þe which is a membuñ of Cudelinton, j. hide of þe 3ifte
of Raph Bretun; In blechesdon, of þe 3ifte of Raph amary, j.
20 3erde of londe of þe lordship and anoper of Warlonde; of þe
3ifte of Wigañ, in ffulebrok, j. hide of londe:

and, of new,
lands in
Foresthill,
Watling-
ton, Cote,
Bletching-
don, Ful-
broke (in
Hogshaw,
Bucks).

Sauyng þe dignite of þe church of lincoln. þe for of this our
confirmacion, i. ut supra.

[27.] A confirmacion of Moolde themperice of þe church
of Seynte George with all his pertinences.

A.D.
1149.

24 MOOLDE, themperice, Kyng Henry dow3ghter, and lady of
yngelonde, to Archiebisshops Bisshops Abbotes Erles Barons
shreves Mynsters and all here men, ffrenshe and English, of all
Englonde, helth. Know 3e me to have i-graunted, and con-
28 firmed, to god and saynte Mary of Oseney and to þe Prior and
to þe chanons þe seruyng god, in-to perpetuell almys, for the

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Maud, em-
press,

¹ 'fratrum.'

² 'apud sanctum Buoc' in the Latin.

³ Marginal note: 'the Ile of Langney & Medley: note.'

⁴ 'Alucua.'

⁵ The English is here confused. The Latin shows that it should run 'Of the gift

of Hugh of Tew, in Forsthull, two hides; in Burton, two hides; in Cleydon. . . ' In the English one clause is brought in too late; the other dropt out. The places are Foresthill, near Wheatley; Blackbourton, near Bampton.

of St.
George's
church,
with its
belongings
(as after-
wards
transferred
to Oseney,
no. 23, by
Henry
Doyle I),

helth of my lorde and myne and our ffre children¹ and for þe
sowle of Kyng Henry my fadu^r and ffor þe sowle of quene
Moolde my modu^r and of ow^r oper aunceturs, þe church of
Saynte George þe which is in þe castell of Oxonford, with all⁴
his pertinences: þat is to say, the church of Saynte Mary
mawdefen þe which is in þe strete with-oute þe northgate, and
þe londe of Walton of bothe parte² of þe weye³ by þe which
hit is i-goo fro Walton to þe castell as Waltere Archedecon⁸
helde hit, and þe londe of Cudeslawe, and of Covelay⁴ (with
þe church), And þe londe of stowe and of morton (with þe
church and þe chape^{ll}), and þe londe of Worton, and of
Saunforde, and ij. hides of Ernycot, with all oper thynges to¹²
þe forsaide church of Saynte George perteynyng in tithis in
meⁿ [in lands⁵] in howses and Medis and ffedynges in woode
and in playne, as þe forsaide church helde fro þe tyme of them¹⁶
þe which foundid hit, and as Henry Doyley and John of seynte¹⁶
* leaf 8. * John⁶ grauntid and with þere seeles confermed. Wherefore
I will and Surely commaunde þat þe forsaide church and
chanons the forsaide tenauntries haue and holde, well and in
pece, and worschipfully ffrely and quietly, with sock and sack,²⁰
tol and theam, and Infangenthef, with all other customs and
fredoms⁷ þe which þey had in the tyme off Kyng Henry
my fadu^r. Witnesses:—Robert⁸ þe sone of þe Kyng my
broper.

with full
manorial
jurisdic-
tion.

About
1158.
Confirma-
tion by
Henry II.

[28.] Henry⁹, Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Normandy and
Gyēn, And Erle of Angye, euyⁿ like to þe charter of themperice
afore i-write of þe forsaide giftes, l.

¹ 'ffre children' occurs several times:
a mis-rendering of 'liberorum nostrorum'.

² Marginal notes: 'Walton on Euery
side of þe wey as the goo from Walton to
the Castell.' 'the same was parcell of the
prebend of Peuerell.'

³ 'ex utraque parte vie per quam itur de
Waltona.'

⁴ Marginal notes: 'Cowley.' 'Note
the lande in Cowley with the churche &
ffredoms.'

⁵ Added from the Latin.

⁶ The family of St. John had succeeded
the Iveri family (nos. 3, 22) as co-patrons
of St. George's church. The grant of John

de St. John is not given in the cartulary,
but is extant as Brit. Mus. Add. Charter
20,360.

⁷ Marginal note: 'the fredoms.'

⁸ Robert, Henry Doyley's half-brother,
was son of Edith Furne by Henry I.
Wood (*City of Oxford*, i. 277) wrongly
identifies him with Robert (Consul or 'de
Caen'), earl of Gloucester, who died 1147.
Joscelyn of Bailol is another witness; he
was consecrated bishop of Sarum in 1142.
The place is Devizes.

⁹ Marginal note: 'Henry the second.'
The place is Salisbury. One witness is
Thomas [Becket], chancellor.

[29.] A confirmacion of Robert Belnet¹, Bisshop of About
lincoln, of þ^e church of Seynte George with his 1150.
pertinences.

ROBERT, by þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, ꝑ. Wherefore Confirmation
we, grauntyng to þe Axynges of owre most dere Childreñ to Oseney, by
chanons þat is to say of Oseney, graunte and with this present the
4 writyng in-to perpetueñ almes conferme, to þeñ and to þe diocesan,
monastery in þe which þey beñ i-sett to goddis seruice, þe
church of Seynte George þe which is i-sett in the castell of
oxonford, with all tenauntries and possessions to þe same church
8 perteynyng, þat is to say, in churchis in tithis in meñ in
howses in londes In waters in Medis and pasturs in woode in
playne and in all oper thynges, with all customs and liberteis
þe which þe same church of Saynte George had in þe tyme of
12 ouñ aunceturs þe which founde² hit, þat is to say, in that ordre
þat, after þe decese of þe clerkes the which now beñ lordes to
þe possessions, þe same possessions and rentes with all holenesse
shall go in-to þe vsis and þe lordship of the Brethrin now of
16 þe saide church of Oseney, so, notwithstanding³, þat of þe same
Benefices so moch schall be reserved and keped to þe seruice of
now þe saide church of Saynt George⁴, after þe Disposicion of
vs and of þe patrone and prelate of þe monastery of þe regular
20 clerkes (þat⁵ is to say, of þe chanons), whereof two prestes may
be susteyned. Þerefore of this ouñ ordeynyng trobelers, we
denunce theñ i-cursed; And þ^e conseruatours and keepers, to
haue goddis blessing and ouñ. Amen.

[30.] A confirmacion⁶ of Kyng Ricarde Corpeliou of 1189,
þe firedoms of Shires and Hundredes. Nov. 12.

24 RICARDUS, by þ^e grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Confirmation
Normandy and of Gyeñ, and Erle of Aungie, to Archiebispos⁷, to Oseney, by
ꝑ, and to Erles Barons Justices Shrefes Mynsters Ballyffys and Richard I,
to all his true meñ of Inglonde helth. We commaunde þat alle

¹ Read 'de Chesneto,' bishop 1148-66. The error arose from an erroneous addition 'Bluet,' by a later hand, in the endorsement of the original charter, now in Christ Church Treasury.

² Read 'founded': 'fundauerunt.'

³ Marginal note: 'Take hede & be

ware.'

⁴ For this chantry see Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 184.

⁵ Interpolated explanation. Not in the Latin.

⁶ Marginal note: 'Ricardus Ius.'

⁷ *Sic.*

of exemp-
tion from
certain
king's
courts and
taxes, as in
no. 13.

þe londe and meñ of thabbot and chanons of Oseney be quite and lose¹ and ffree² of shires and hundredis and of wardes and commune plays³ & quarels and all oper pynges, oute-take murthe and theste i-preuede. And we forbede þat vppoñ þat⁴ ye do not to þe meñ or to oper⁴ meñ wronge despite or grevaunce or þat 3e suffur to be do the meñ of oony meñ. Witnesses⁵, &c^o.

1199,
June 16.

[31.] A confirmacion of Kyng John of þe church of
Seynte George with his pertinences.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by king
John,

* leaf 8,
back.

of St.
George's
church
(no. 23),

as in nos.
27, and 28;

JOHN, by þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of Irlande, Duke of Normandy and of Gien, and Erle of Aungie, to Archie-⁸ bisshops bisshpos⁶ Abbotes Erles Barons Justices Shreves Revys and to all Baylyffes and to his true meñ helth. Knowe 3e me to haue * i-graunted, and confermed, to þe church of god and of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to pabbot and chanons pere¹² seruyng god, for oure helth and of oures, in-to perpetuefl almes, and for þe sowle of Kyng Henry beelesire of my ffadur and for þe sowle of Kyng Henry oure ffadur and of oper kynnesfolkes, þe church of Saynte George þe which is i-set in þe castell of¹⁶ Oxonford, with all his pertinences, þat is to say þe church of Saynte Mary Mawdefen þe which is in þe strete with-oute þe Northgate, and þe londe of Walton⁷ of both sides of þe waye by þe which meñ goth fro Walton to þe castell (as Walter²⁰ Archedecon hit helde), and þe londe of Cudeslawe, and of Couelay (with þe church), and þe londe of Stowe and of Morton (with þe church and Chapefl), And þe londe of Worton, and of Sanforde, and ij. hides of Ernycote, with all other²⁴ pynges to þe same church perteynyng, In tithis In meñ In howses In londes And Medes and ffedynges In woode In playne, As þe forsaide church held fro þe tyme of þe meñ þe which hit foundid and as þe Modur of oure ffadur the lady themperice and²⁸ Kyng Henry oure ffadur hit to þe meñ graunted and with his charter confermed. Wherefore we wil and Surely commaunde þat þe forsaide church and Chanons þe forsaide holdes⁸ have

¹ 'soluti.'

² Marginal note: 'A grete fredome.'

³ 'placitis.'

⁴ Read 'þer': 'suis.'

⁵ William of Longchamp, Chancellor,

Nov. 12, at Westminster. The year is not given.

⁶ Sic.

⁷ Marginal note: 'Walton.'

⁸ 'predictas tenaturas.'

and holde, weſt and In pece and worſchipfully, frely and quietly,
with¹ ſock and ſack, tol and theam, and Infangenthefe, and
with all other liberteyſ and customs þe which þey had in þe
4 tyme of Henry beſſire of our fadur and in þe tyme of Kyng
Henry our fadur. Witnesses, &c². At² london.

with ex-
emptions as
in no. 13.

[32.] A confirmacion of Kyng³ Henry þe iiij. of the 1235,
liberteis and of þe church of Seynte George and April 2,
oper thynges.

HENRY, by þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of
Irlonde, &c². Knowe 3e me to haue, for god ſake, i-graunted
8 and with this our Charter confermed, for vs and our heyres, to
god and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Osneye and to þabbot
and chanons in þe ſame place ſeruyng god, all or⁴ yifteſ
yevynges vndur-write, þat iſ to ſay, of þe 3eſte of Robert
12 Doylly, the Ile of Osneye, with all hiſ pertinences, and all meñ
and londes þe which he had in hiſ lordeship within þe borowgh
of Oxonforde, with hiſ pertinences; of þe yiſte of Henry Doylly,
þe church of Saynte George the which iſ i-ſette in the caſteñ
16 of oxonford; with all thynges þe which been of hiſ fee, þe which
to þe ſame church perteyneñ; of þe 3eſte of Maſter Geffrey
Gibwyn, all hiſ londe in þe towñ of Mersche, with all hiſ
perteneneces: to be had and to be holde, to þe ſame Abbot and
20 chanons and to here ſuccessours, in-to perpetueñ almes. And
þat þey haue and holde þe ffreedomſ þe which Henry the Kyng
of Inglonde beſſire of Kyng Henry our beſſire, And alſo þe
ſame Henry Kyng, graunted to þeñ by hiſ Charters, that iſ to
24 ſay, þat þey and all here tenementes and here meñ been quite⁵
of Shires and hundredes and wardes and danezeldes and
commune pleiſ and all oper exaccions and quarels, outetake
murtheñ & thefte i-preued; with ſock and ſack, tol and them,
28 and Infangenthefe, as þe chartors [⁶ of the] aforeſaide Kynges
of Inglonde our predeceſſours and of oper yevers aforeſaide,
[þe⁶ which þe aforeſaide abbot and chanons haue of them, in]

Confirma-
tion to
Osenev, by
Henry III,

of no. 12,

of no. 23,

and of
land,
newly ac-
quired,
in Maſh
Gibbon:
alſo con-
firmation
of exemp-
tions,

and of juris-
diction,

as in no. 13.

¹ Marginal note: 'Lybertyes.'

² Read 'W. London., G. Roffense, epi-
ſcopis,' &c. The place iſ Hadloo. The
Latin gives the date.

³ For Henry 'III': ſee note to no. 33.

⁴ Sic, probably for 'all þe yifteſ or yev-

yngeſ.' Latin iſ 'omnes donationes ſub-
ſcriptas.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note the fredoms
of thiſ Monasteri.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

* leaf 9.

þe which þe forsaide yevynges fredoms and quitynges fully ben conteyned, resonably witnyssed. * Wherefore we wiff and surely commaunde, for vs and our heyres, that þe forsaide Abbot & chanons and þer successours foreuer haue and holde and¹ þe forsaide londis and þe forsaide tenementes with all here pertences, and that they haue þe forsaide fredoms and quitynges² well and In peece, frely and quietly, fully and worschippfully, in-to perpetuefl almes, with all fredoms and fre customs to theml perteynyng as hit is i-saide before. These³ witnessses, &c^o.

126^o,
Jan. 23.

[33.] Grauntyng and confermyng beste⁴ of Kyng⁵ Henry the iiij. not Derby, vppon þe grete charter⁶ and oper fredoms.

Henry III,

HENRY, by the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of Irlande, and Duke of Gyeñ, to Archiebissshops Bisshops Abbotes priors Erles Barons Justices Shreves Revys Minsters & to all Bayleffes and to his true men helth. We have i-see þe charter þe which sometyme Robert Doylly maade to god and to saynte Marye and to þe chanoñs of Oseney In thes wordes:

recites
no. 21,viz. Robert
Doyly II's
pretended
grant to
Oseney,

Be hit i-know to all cristen men that I, Robert Doylly, wilyng and grauntyng Edithe my wiffe and my soones Henry and Gilbert, yeve and graunt, in-to pure & perpetuefl Almes, to þe church of god and of saynte marye his modur and to þe chanons regulers in hit seruyng god þe which I (counsellyng and confermyng Robert by the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln) foundid in þe Ile þe which is i-called Oseney, for þe helth of þe Kyng and þe welth of all þe Reame and also for my helth and of my wiffe and of my soones, of kynnesfolkes, and of our frendes, all that is myne In the forsaide Ile, with all dwellynges þe which I had vppon þe were the which is of myne Milles,

of Oseney
island, &c.

¹ By a slip for 'all': 'omnes predictas terras.

² 'quietancias.'

³ The Latin supplies the date.

⁴ Latin order: 'confirmacio optima.'

⁵ This frequently repeated reckoning of Henry, King of England 1216-72, as Henry 'IV', comes from taking into the list as Henry 'III', Henry (eldest son of Henry II), crowned at Westminster 1170, died 1183. The words 'not Derby' show

that the translator adequately distinguished the grantor of this charter from Henry, King of England 1399-1413 (Henry IV), who was styled 'earl of Derby' from 1380, during the lifetime of his father John 'of Gaunt,' Duke of Lancaster, who had married the heiress of Henry Plantagenet (died 1361), Earl of Derby.

⁶ i.e. the spurious no. 21, invented after 1235 (no. 32), and now, 1267, accepted as genuine. See no. 38.

and all that I hadd in the Borowghe of Oxonforde or in þe Subarbes, and þe church of seynte George the which is i-set in the castell of oxonforde, with all churches and chapels, londes
 4 Rentes tenementes tithis and possessions and oper thynges to þe saide church of saynte George perteynyng, þat is to say, the church of saynte Marye Mawdefen þe which is i-set in þe subarbes of oxonforde, and oper thynges as þey ben i-conteyned
 8 in the saide charter of Robert Doylly, the which is þe first of this title: and pese witnesses.

and of St. George's church,

Addicion of the Kyng to þe forsaide thynges, saying: We truly þe forsaide yevyng, and grauntyng hauyng ferme and
 12 lefe¹, them, for vs and ou^r heyres, [² grant, and confirm . . . Besides, we have granted for us and our heyres] to god and seynte Marye of Oseney and to þabbot and chanons þere seruyng god and for eue^r to serue, that þey as to alle here
 16 demaynys londes³ and tenementes be quite for euer of all maner sutes of Shires and Hundredes and of ou^r oper courtes, and that thabbot aforesaide and [his] successours be quite⁴ for euer fro lawe day⁵ in euery place in oure reame, And
 20 also of turnys of schreuis, [⁶ whether by our sheriffs] or by ou^r bayllyffes, in what-so-euer places þey be holde. We haue i-grauntid also, for vs and ou^r eyres, to þabbot and chanons aforsaide that they foreuer, of here wodes⁷ beyng
 24 within þe bondes⁸ of ou^r forest in þe shire of oxonforde and of Buckynham, frely and with-out vowe and Deliueryng and daunger of þe forsters or verders or of ou^r ony oper Baylyffes, maye take and carye here storys⁹, with-out
 28 occasion and lette, with-out waste or destruccion or copies¹⁰ therof to be i-made, so that if wast¹⁰ or Destruccion perof þey make by sellyng, or in oper-wise, therof they be i-punysshed after passise of ou^r forest, savyng napeles to thabbot and to þe
 32 forsaide chanons, in all and þorowgh all, þere fredoms * þe

and confirms it.

He also confirms exemptions as in no. 13. Grant of exemption from view of frankpledge and sheriff's tourns throughout England;

and of freedom of their woods, if within the royal forests, from control of the foresters, subject only to making good wilful 'waste' by sentence of the assise of the forest.
 * leaf 9, back.

¹ 'ratas habentes et gratas.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'quoad omnes dominicas terras.'

⁴ Marginal notes: 'Nota well this priuelege.' 'Nota for þ^e lawe day quite thorough þ^e Reame.' The part of the charter from this point to the foot of the page is emphasized by a marginal line, and outside it 'nota.'

⁵ 'de visu franci plegii.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ Marginal note: 'Nota freedom of þ^e forest.'

⁸ 'infra metas.'

⁹ 'estovers': 'estoveria.'

¹⁰ Read 'coppice'; i. e. disforesting the ground. Latin: 'absque vasto seu destructione vel assartis inde faciendis.'

Confirma-
tion of
their forest
rights in
Hildesden,
Forest-
hill, and
Stowe,
Oxon.

which þey haue by the chaþter of worthy remembraunce of lorde John sumtyme Kyng of Inglonde ouþ fadur, of þere wodes¹ of Hildesden in the forsaide shire, and sauynge to þeþ here parkes and groves of fforsthull² and stow² i-closed, with ffreðonð and⁴ quietyng the which in þe same hiderto þey haue i-woned to haue. These witnesses &c³. þe date, i.

About
1150.

[34.] A confirmacion of Theobalde Archiebisshop of Caunterbury of all owþ Goodes.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
archbishop
Theobald,

THEOBALDE, By the grace of god Archiebisshop of Caunterbery, and of all Inglonde primate, & popis legate, to broduþ⁸ Wigooode prior of Osney helth, i. To ry3ghtfull peticionþ i. we 3evyng assent, all churchis and londes and tithis and howse rentes³ and all thynges þe which the church of Saynte Marye, to þe which þou art hede (by the help of god), lawfully hath¹² i-purchased⁴, or in tyme to be by ry3ghtfull wysys⁵ may be i-purchased, with this present wrytyng we conferme hit, and by the autorite of þe office that we haue we make hit strong, pluckers away of them, and pullers⁶, afore þe sete of þe euer- 16 lastyng Jugge to be i-dampned we denunce, and fro this present church we sequestre them but þey leve and with meke satisfaccion cristes patrimonye be besy to reforme hit; and to þe keepers peece be of ouþ lorde Ihesu criste þe which when he was 20 riche for vs was i-made powre þat he wolde make vs riche whitth his pouerte and wolde hele with his infirmite⁷.

of all their
estates,
present
and to be
acquired.

Anathema
against
injurers.

About
1163.

Confirma-
tion to Ose-
ney, by
archbishop
Thomas
Becket,

[35.] THOMAS, By the grace of god Archiebisshop of Caunterberye, and of all Inglonde primate, and popis legate, to all²⁴ true meþ of ouþ holy moduþ the church þorowgh Inglonde beyng, both now and to be, both clerkes and laye meþ, helth and blesshyng. Of the office i-committid to vs, to þe petitions which we knowe to perteyne to þe Encresyng of religiõ, ly3ht²⁸

¹ Marginal note: 'Nota Hildesden by Kyng John charter afore.' Hildesden was in Forest-hill parish, but held of the royal manor of Brill, Bucks (*Rotul. Hundred.* i. 22, col. 1).

² Names noted in the margin.

³ 'domorum redditus.'

⁴ 'adepta est.'

⁵ 'iustis modis.'

⁶ 'et distractores.'

⁷ The general absence of rubrics from this point indicates that the treatise was never brought to a conclusion.

⁸ 'Admonemur . . . facilem ac benignum prebere assensum.' Notice how the slavish following of the Latin order darkens the English. 'We be "constered" . . . to grant light and benign assent' is meant.

and benyng to graunt assent we þen constered. Wherefore of
 our most dere soonys (chanons, that is to say, of Seynte marye
 of Oseney) we¹ grauntyng to þere meke axinges, graunte, and
 4 with this present writyng in-to perpetuell almes conferme, to
 them and to þe monasterj, in the which þey þen i-geve to goddis
 service, the church of Seynte George þe which is i-sett in the
 castell of oxonforde, with all tenauntries and possessions and
 8 with all thynges to þe same church perteyning, In tithis In
 londis In meñ In fredoms and in all otheʀ rentes, as our
 worshipfull broþer [Robert²] bisshop of lincoln to þem grauntid,
 with þe wilfull³ consent of þe Kyng and of the Aduocates of
 12 the same church, and with his charter confermed, þe which with
 owʀ hyes we saw, and as his charter witnessith. Of this our
 confirmacion trowblers we denunce the peref of dampnacion to
 be wy3the them, And to the kepers of hit goddis blesshyng and
 16 our haue. ffare ye well.

of St.
 George's
 church
 and its
 property,
 as in no. 26.

Anathema
 against
 violators.

[36.] THOMAS⁴, By the grace of god Archiebisshop of Cauntur-
 bury, of all Inglonde primate, and popes legate, to all Bisshops
 Archedecons and prestis, In whoos powre and parish been tithis
 20 to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney perteynyng, helth.
 Owre mooste dere soonys chanons of Oseneye have i-playned to
 vs summe tithis to the ryght of þere church longyng, agaynste
 ry3ght, of summe meñ to be with-holde. therfore be this wry*tyng
 24 we chargh 3ow that 3e call them streytly þe which holde
 the ry3ght of the forsaide church and ster⁵ them that þey hooly
 restore þem. And if they will not restore, restreynye ye þe
 same fro the brynkes [or] bondis⁶ of þe church⁷. ffare 3e well.

About
 1155?
 Letter of
 archbishop
 Theobald,

ordering
 due pay-
 ment of
 tithes to
 Oseney,
 * leaf 10.
 on pain of
 excom-
 munica-
 tion.

28 [37.] To all cristen meñ to þe which this present wrytyng
 shall come, Hugh⁸, By the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, helth

About
 1195.

¹ 'piis postulationibus annuentes.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'unanimes consensu.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota and marke this letter & execute hit.' The beginning in the Latin is 'T. dei gracia': the endorsement was originally 'T. Cantuariensis,' but a later hand prefixed 'Sci.' The Rubric in the Latin takes up the error: 'Item littera eiusdem Sancti Thome.' The original deed in Christ Church Treasury

has preserved its seal, which is that of Theobald. I owe all this information to the Rev. H. Salter.

⁵ 'admoneatis.'

⁶ 'brinks or bounds' is the usual alternative rendering of one Latin word: 'a limitibus sancte ecclesie.'

⁷ MS. repeats 'of þe church.'

⁸ 'Confirmatio sancti Hugonis' in the Latin.

Confirmation to Oseney, by the bishop of Lincoln, the diocesan,

of their property, especially their churches,

viz. five of the founder's gift (no. 12);

also of St. George's (no. 23);

St. Mary Magdalene; Stowe; Cowley; Iffley;

Watlington;

Stone, with Southcote;

and goddis blessing. Petitions, &c. for this cause, of our most dere brethryñ, Abbot and chanon^s of the church of seynte Marye of Oseney, we to pere ryghtfull axinges graunting¹, þeñ and þere monastery in the which þey ben i-zeft to goddis service vnder the proteccion of god and of the holy church of lincoln and our we take: possessions also and rentes, and namely² churchys or chapelis with vicarages [and tithes³] and other thynges to theñ perteynyng þe which in þe bisschopriche of 8 lincoln þe same brethryñ resonably haue i-purchasyd; to theñ By the auctorite that we haue [we] conferme. In the which, þese to be i-schewed in there owne names wee⁴ have a-vised:—

Of the yfte of Robert Doylly of the forsaide monastery fundar¹² and also off Henry Doylly the firste and of Henry Doylly and Robert the soones of hym, the churches⁵ of Cudelynton, of Weston, of Cleydon, of Hokenorton, of chesterton;

Also of Henry Doylly the firste and of Henry and Robert¹⁶ the soonys of hym and also of the yfte of John of Seynte John and of Bernarde of Seynte Walerye and of Bernarde his soone and principally of Moolde themperice and of here soone Kyng Henry þe secunde, the church of Seynte George þe which is²⁰ i-sett in the castell of oxonforde, with the church of Seynte Marye Mawdelen, and the churchis of stowe, of Coveleye, and Iuteleye⁶, and with all oper to þe church of seynte george pertinences, sauynge the composicion i-maade bytwene the church²⁴ of Oseney and Robert of Seynte Remye vppoñ the church of Iuteleye⁶ the which for-asmuch that we wille hit to be Sure with this writyng we conferme hit.

Also of the yfte of Henry Doylly the first and of Henry and²⁸ Robert his soonys and also of the yfte of Halinalde of Bidun and of William Paganell and sare his wiffe, the church of Watlynton;

Of þe yfte of William Bracy and of gilbert his soone, the³² church of Stanes, with the chapel of Suticote;

¹ 'graunting' = assenting: 'annuentes.'

² 'precipue.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'duximus.'

⁵ The names of 18 churches and chapels are noted in the margin, in the same order as in the text, 'Iveteleye' being left out.

⁶ In the English MS. the first letter or letters of this name are vaguely formed, and might be either Ine or Me, as though the writer felt doubtful of the name. In the Latin it is 'Iutele,' i.e. Iffley (Isteley or Yesteley).

Of the yifte of [Hugh of] Tywe, the chapel of fforsthuff, Forest-hill;
 sauyng þe composicion ¹ i-maade Bitwene the church of Oseneye
 and the church of seynte ffrideswith vppon the same chapel;

4 Of the yifte of William fyght Elie and of Emme his wiffe and Water-
 of William þere soone, the church of Waterperye; perry;

Of the yifte of Robert Gayti, þe church of Hampton gayte; Hampton
Gay;

Of the yifte of Roger of seynte John and of William his Steeple
 8 broþer, þe church of Barton, with the chapel of Saunforde and Barton,
 of ledewell; with Sand-
ford St.

And of þe yifte of Raph Murdac and Hugh of Burton, þe Martin and
 chapel of Burton. Ledwell;
Black-
bourton.

12 Þerfore we wille and sadly ² ordeyne that now the seyde
 church and Brethryd of Oseney all the fornamed thynges frely
 and holy foreuer have and be possessed, sauyng the bisshops
 customs and the Digniteis of the church of lincoln. And that
 16 this our confermyng, ꝛ.

[38.] To all soones of our hooly modur the church to þe which 1259,
 this present writyng schall come, ꝛ. Richard ³, by the Mercy June 23.
 of god Bisshop of lincoln, euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. Confirmation
 of god Bisshop of lincoln, euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. to
 20 Knowe 3e all þat we, of the consent and will of our loued soone, Oseney,
 Robert ⁴, Deen, and of the chapter of lincoln, for goddis sake, by the
 we graunte, and By the bisshops auctorite we conferme, to the diocesan,
 church of seynte Marye of Oseney and to the chanon there * leaf 10,
back.

24 seruyng god, the church of seynte George þe which is i-sett in of St.
 the castell of oxonford, with all his Integrite or holenysse, and George's
 with all his pertinences and partiellis in the seyde diocese beyng church;

or i-sett, In tithis Rentes londis and þere possessions and in all
 28 oper thynges and places to the same sayde church perteynyng,
 in-to þere owne vsys for euer to be had and to be possessed
 and ⁵ to be conuertid or turnyd: In the which, pese in here
 own names we will expresse, that is to say, the church of seynte

32 Marye Mawdefen þe which is i-sett in the strete withoute þe St. Mary
Magda-
lene.

¹ See the Latin text in Wigram's *Cartulary of St. Frideswide's*, ii. 199.

² 'firmiter.'

³ Richard of Gravesend, bishop of Lincoln 1258-81. This confirmation appears to be one of the deeds which were used in the fabrication of no. 21. It brings in

tithe of a hide in Cassington, not hitherto mentioned.

⁴ Robert de Mariscis, dean of Lincoln 1258-60.

⁵ Alternative rendering: 'et convertenda.'

Northgate of Oxonforde, and iij. hides of londe of Walton, with þe tithis of the same londe; and the londe of Cudeslawe; and the londe of Coveley, with the church; and the londe of stowe, with the church; and ij. hides of Morton; and the londe of 4 Worton; and j. hide of Sannforde; and ij. hides of Ernycote; and j. 3erde of londe in Hokenorton; and ij. parties of tithe of all thyng þe which is wonyd to be tithid in the demayne of these maners, that is to say, of Berencester, Erdynton, Beter- 8 inton, Tenesshe, Perieþ¹, Tywe, Wyke, Erdusley, Heyforde, Thrope, Bereforde, Shireburū of Eyper courte, Withhuþ, Thorneton, Kencote, Norton, Horspathe, Hensynton, ludwell, Rodelsham of eyper courte, Blechesdon, Weston, Buckenhull, 12 Stratforde, Westbury, Thorneborowgh, Weston by Ciltre, Wygyn-ton, Swereforde, Goryng, Estcote of the flee that longeth to þe castell of oxonford, leges, Shaldeston, Elsfelde, Herdewyke, Turesmeþ, Craneforde, Tynforde, Treton, Euere, Radcliue, 16 Bampton, Haurugge, Coleston, Messeworth, Clopham, Dukelynton; In Wolgarcote all the tithe of the demayne; In bekeley, ij. parties of tithe of all þe towne; in Garsynton², tithe of j. hide; In Baldynton, tithe of iij. hides; In Acle, tithe of all 20 the townd: therefore we wilþ and sadly charge or ordeyne þat now þe saide church and chanons i-myndid of Oseney all the fornamed thynges, of our grauntyng and confirmacion and speciall grace, frely and hooly, in-to here owne vses haue and 24 possesse, sayng in all thynges þe Bisshops customs and the dignite of þe church of lincoln. In-to witnenysse of þe which þynge, to this present writyng our seele, to-geder with þe seele off our Chapter of the church of lincoln, we haue i-maade to be 28 put to. Þe Date ix. kk. Julij In þe 3ere of our lorde M^t CC lix. and In þe ffirste 3ere of our Bisshiphode.

About
1140.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Robert
Doyly II,

[39.] KNOW all Cristen men that I, Robert Doylly³, haue grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, for me and 32 myne heyres, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons there seruyng god foreuer, for my helth and of Edithe my wiffe, kynnesfolkes⁴, and of my ffrendes,

¹ 'Tenyeth,' in no. 21.

² 'Karsintona' in the Latin; i. e. Cas-sington.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ 'et parentum.'

in-to free pure et perpetueſſ almes, all londes Rentes tithes
tenementes and' possessiones, both of þe church and' of þe
layse¹, þe which þey haue of my yifte and' of þe yiftes of my
4 meñ, and which of me or my heyres and' of my meñ þey
may gete in tyme to be, in all my maners, with all liberteis
and' fre customs þe which euer I have i-hadde, or any of
my aunceturs, or in tyme to be [I] maye² gete or my heyres
8 maye gete.

And I have i-grauntid' also to þe same chanonens and' to
þere successours, for me and' for my heyres, that þey haue
þere * courte foreuer fre³ in all my maners of all þere meñ
12 for all mysdoynge or defawtes wheresoeuer and' whansoeuer
and'⁴ of what-soeuer þey happe; and þat þey and' there meñ
be quite foreuer fro all maner sutes of my courte foreuer
fre in all my maners and' of my heyres, and' of lawday, and'
16 of such thynges þe which longen to vywe or lawday, and'
of all sutes of my mylles, and' of all helpis tallages exaccions
quarels or playntes and' demaundis; and' if⁵ for fleyng or
felonye oony of there meñ ofte to lese his catell, þey shaft
20 be of the chanonens, withoute oony withholdyng to me or to
my heyres; And if bestes or cataſſ in londis or tenementes
of the same chanonens or of there meñ tenauntes⁶ be i-founde
or aretid, I graunt, for me and' my heyres, to þem and' to
24 þere successours what-soeuer⁷ thyng þerof to me or to
oony of myne by lawe maye falle or shaft⁸ mowe foreuer;
Also if they or oony of þer meñ be⁹ amercy'd agaynste me
or my heyres or my Baylyffes or my meñ, for what-soeuer
28 cause or trespass or forfeite, all þe mercys and' merciamentes
and' all fines and' all profites and' all owtynges of pleys þe which
come forth of them or þere meñ shaft be of þe same chanonens,
withoute oony withholdyng to me or to my heyres, wheþer
32 hit be for a defawte or for oony oþer cawse. I have

the founder,
of all property
acquired from
himself or his
tenants,

with all per-
quisites;

and grant of
exemptions
from hisfeudal

* leaf 11.
superiority,
viz. right to
hold court for
their own
tenants,
free of suit to
Doyly court-
baron or Doyly
view of frank-
pledge, or
Doyly mills or
Doyly feudal
claims;
right to felon's
goods of their
own tenants;
right to such
escheats of
their property
as fall to the
Doylys as lords
of the manor;

right to fines
imposed on
their tenants;

¹ 'layfee' (i.e. lay fee) in the recitation
in no. 93: 'tam laicas quam ecclesiasticas';
i.e. temporal and spiritual.

² 'perquirere potero.'

³ Marginal note: 'liberties.'

⁴ 'et undecunque euerint.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'bona felonum.'

⁶ 'vel eorum tenencium.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'escaeta.'

⁸ 'vel poterit in perpetuum.'

⁹ Marginal note: 'amerciamenta &
fines.' The distinction, a vague one, be-
tween these was, that 'amercements' were
penalties imposed by the judgement of the
assessors where there was no fixed penalty;
'fines' were penalties where statute or cus-
tom fixed the amount. This deed seems
one of those used in fabricating no. 21.

exemption
of Oseney
and Oseney
tenants
from forced
labours, or
imprison-
ment;
grants of
fishery
and pan-
nage rights,
except in
enclosed
fish-ponds
and parks;
of common
pasture;
of right to
take out
of pound,
on giving
surety,
cattle im-
pounded,
and to
make good
the damage
by private
treaty;
of wood
to repair
houses
and fences,
and for
fuel;

of right to
choose
their own
head, and
to appoint
and dismiss
all their
stewards.

i-grauntid also to þe same chanon̄s, and to þere successours, þat noþer I noþer my heyres noþer none in owre name or¹ of owre maye here-after axe of the forsaide chanon̄s or þere succes- sours or þere meñ oony custom̄ or seruice or bondage, noþere² 4 [þere] meñ in-to prison̄ or in-to bondis or in-to stokke putte for oony trespase or forfete, but with open̄ thefte or mansslautter vppon̄ my demayne londis they be take and̄ attachid. I wiſſ also, and̄ surely commaunde, for me and̄ my heyres, þat þe for- 8 saide chanons and̄ þere successours and̄ þere meñ haue weſt and̄ in peece³, in aſſ my maners wodis and̄ waters pondis and̄ fiſchynges, fre fiſshyng, and̄ fre entrye and̄ goyng oute and pannage of þere hogges quyte, outetake stywys and̄ my parkes 12 closid̄ in. And̄ that þey haue fre commune to þere shepe and̄ hogges and̄ to aſſ other bestes in aſſ my maners in⁴ wodis, and̄ that þey be not Inparkid̄ or pownyd̄ but þey be i-founde in open̄ harme; And̄ if that happe, by borowgh̄ þey receyue here 16 bestes, and̄ after by þe syȝht of lawfuſſ meñ þe harme that þere bestes haue i-doo, oute of my courte, þey make hit to be amendid̄. To þese thynges we haue i-grauntid̄ for me and̄ my heyres howsebote and̄ haybote and̄ to be brenned̄ resonably at 20 here graunges, of my wodis⁵ in there places where I have wodis. Also I wiſſ and̄ graunte, for me and̄ my heyres foreuer, that þe saide chanons and̄ successours mowe chese to þeñ and̄ ordeyne⁶ a prelate to þere wiſſ, after þe deceſe of euery prelate, withoute 24 lette of me or of my heyres; And̄ þat þey maye putte, haue, and̄ putt away, in aſſ here granges and̄ pynges, kepers suche as semyeth to þeñ and̄ to þere howse to be goode⁷. And̄ þat þis my yifte graunt and̄ confirmacion of this charter be stable and̄ 28 sure foreuer, To this writyng my seele I haue i-putte to. These witnesses⁸ &c⁹.

About
1200.
Confirma-
tion to

[40.] BE hit i-know to aſſ cristen meñ both present and̄ to be that I, Henry Doylly⁹ þe soone of Henry Doylly, my lorde þe 32 Kynges constable, haue i-grauntid̄, and̄ with this present charter

¹ 'vel ex nostris.'

² Marginal note: 'not to imprison any man except for open theft or manslaughter.'

³ Marginal note: 'Nota fredom grete: fre fishings (commune).'

⁴ Read 'and': 'et boscis meis.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Nota: Marke well.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'Nota this grete priuelege.'

⁷ 'expedire.'

⁸ Enumerated in the recitation, no. 93.

⁹ Marginal note: 'Henry Doylly 2.'

have i-confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of
 Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for my helth and
 of Sibille my wiffe and of Moolde my dowgthter and for þe sowles
 4 of my fadur and modur and for þe sowle of my broþer Robert
 Doylly and for þe sowles of all my aunceturs, in-to free and
 perpetuelli almys, all þe possessionis of þe church and layfee þe
 which þey haue * of þe giftes of myne aunceturs and of my gifte
 8 and of þe giftes of my men, as þe charters of them witnesse,
 with all fredomis and fre customs and quytinges. I haue i-
 grauntid also to þe forsaide chanons that þey haue þere courte
 of þere men where-euer they wiff; and I haue relesed and quyte-
 12 claymed þem for euer, both Abbot and þe Couent of Oseneye
 and þere men, in all my maners fro þe sute of my courte, and
 fro sute of my Milles, and of all oper sutes, but of these were
 lyfe and membre lyith to ², And to þe lawday; so napeles þat
 16 all mercys and mercementes and all fines and all profites and all
 goynges oute of pleis þe which come of þere men, vppoñ Euery
 side and whenne-soeuer and wheresoeuer þey falle, schall be of
 þe forsaide chanons, withoute oony witholdyng, opere hit be
 20 for defawte or for [any other ³] cawse; and if oony of þere men
 for oony forfete hath i-flowe ⁴ and to ryght he wille not stande,
 and þe forfete be such for þe which his cateill he ofte to lese,
 þey shall be fully of þe chanons. Also I haue i-grauntid ⁵ to þe
 24 forsaide chanons, for me and myne heyres, that noþer I, noþer
 my heyres, noþer none of our, maye hereforth or hereafter axe of
 þe forsaide chanons, noþer of þere men, oony custom or seruice
 or bondage, noþer þere men to put in-to prison or bondis or in-
 28 to stocke, but þe forfete be such for þe which he ofte to lese lyfe
 or membre. I wiff also and surely charge that þe forsaide
 chanons and þere men haue weiff and in pece in all my maners
 here pasture to þere bestes and to þere shepe and hogges, as þe
 32 charters of my aunceturs and myne witnesse; and that þey be
 not Inparked or pyynyð, but þey be founde in harmyng, Where
 (A ⁶ wodde I-3efe) þey may receyue þere cataill, and after ⁷ þe
 lawe of þe contree for þe harme satisfye. I haue i-grauntid to
 36 þem also (þat is to say, to þe forsaide chanons) that þey maye

Oseney,
 by Henry
 Doyly II,

* leaf 11,
 back.
 of all
 grants
 made by
 his ances-
 tors and
 histenants;
 and of the
 privileges
 and exemp-
 tions con-
 ferred in
 no. 39.

¹ 'ubi.'

² 'adiacet.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'liberties.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁶ i.e. a surety being given.

⁴ 'fugerit.'

⁷ 'secundum legem provincie.'

ffirely putte, and haue, and putte aweye, in all pere pynges or goodis, the keepers such as pey know not¹ to be goode to pem and to pere howse, & pat pis my zifte, &c².

1152.
Confirmation to
Oseney,
by pope
Eugenius
III,
of all their
estates,

viz. of St.
George's
church and
its belong-
ings as in
nos. 29 and
34, and a
grant in-
corporated
in the
spurious
no. 21,

[41.] EUGENYE, Bisshop, *seruaunte* of *seruauntes* of god, 4
to his loued soonys Wigoode prior of seynte Marye of Oseney
and to his brethren, both present And to be, chanons, i. the for-
saide church, in pe which 3e ben i-zeffe to goddis *seruice*, vndur
seynte petur & our proteccion we take, and with pe priuilege of 8
this present writyng we make stronge, ordenyng pat all pos-
sessionis and all goodis of² pe same church nowe ryghtfully and
lawfully hath in possession, or in tyme to be by pe graunte
of Bisshopis, 3evyng of Kynges or of princys, by offryng of 12
cristen men, or by oper ryghtfull maners (our lorde grauntyng)
ye may purchase, sure to 3ow and to 3owr successours and
vntastid³ byde pey. In the which, pese we wille in pere owne
names to be schewed:—the church of Seynte George, with 16
all his ryght that he hath within pe walf of Oxonforde and
abowte, as owr worschippfull broper Robert, Bisshop of lincoln,
with resonable avise hath i-grauntid yow, and bope he and our
worschippfull fadur Theobalde, Archiebisshop of Caunturberye, 20
popis legate, with passfermyng of pere writynges haue i-made
stronge; and, to pe same church longyng and hangyng, pe
church of Seynte Marye Mawdeleyen, pe londe of Walton, with
pe medys and other pynges longyng to hit, and pe tithe of 24
pe same londe; In Cudeslawe, iij. hides of londe, with men and
his opere pertinences; In Ernycote, ij. hides of londe, with
pe woode and his opere pertinences; pe londe of Worton, with
his pertinences; pe londe of Stowe, with his pertinences, and 28
pe church of pe same towne; In sanforde, j. hide of londe, with
his pertinences; Twey * parties of tithys of pese maners vndur-
write, Hokenorton, Cudelynton, Burcetun, Harewell, Watlynton,
Ardynton, Botrynton, Iledcumbe, Burton, Asshe, pirye, Tywe, 32
Wyke, Erdusley, Heyforde, Hampton gaytorum, ffullewell,
Thrope, Bereforde, Shirebur of both courtis, Tetteburye,
Whithuff, Treton, Kenycote, Norton, Horspathe, Hensynton,

* leaf 12.

¹ 'quales sibi et domui sue noverint expedire.' The translator, thinking of dismissal for incompetence, inserts the nega-

tive.

² For 'of' read 'which.'

³ 'illibata.'

ludweil, Rolesham of both courtes, Blechesdon, Weston, Boken-
huff, Stratforde, Westbury, Thornborowgh, Weston, Wyginton,
Swerforde, Escote of þe fe þe which perteyneth to oxonforde;

4 In clopham halfe of þe tithe of þe Demayne; In Barton, þe
tithe of j. hide; In Garsynton¹, ij. parties of þe tithe of j. hide.

with tithe
in Cassing-
ton,

furþer mor, of our worschipfull broþer John² bisshop of
Wyrcester, the church of Bibury³, with chapells, tithis and oþer

and of the
churches of
Bibury,
Turkdean,
Rissington,
Marsworth,
Hawridge,
Letcombe,
Foresthill;
and of
lands in
Black-
bourton.

8 pertinences, and þe tithe of here salte of þe Wyche⁴; þe church
of turkeden; the church of Rysynden; þe church of Messe-
wurth; þe church of Haurugge; þe church of ledecumbe;
þe church of fforsthull, with his pertinences; of þe yifte of
12 Hugh Tywe, his londis of Burton⁵.

ffor this we decree that hit be not lawfull to no man vturly⁶
frowardly to trobut þe forsaide church, or his possessions to
take aweye, or to withholde them i-take aweye, to make þem
16 lasse, or to wery þem with oony vexacions, but that þey all
clenly and hooly be keped for þe gouernynge And susteynyng of
þem of þe which þey haue be grauntid to profite in all maner
vsys, Sauyng þe lawfull ryght of the Bisshopsis Diocesanys.

20 þerfore if oony persone of the church or secular this writyng of
our confirmacion wilþ tempte frowardly to come agaynste hit,
twyis or thryis i-warned, but he correcte his presumpcion with
conuenient satisfaccion, he lacke or lese the dignite of his power
24 and worschip, and lete hym know hym-selfe gilty to be to
goddis Juggement of his wikudnesse i-do, and that he is alienyd
or i-put fro the mooste holy body and bloode of god and of our
lorde Ihu cristе our agayne-byere Ihu cristе, and be he vndur to
28 þe streyte veniaunce in the laste doome. And to all kepyng
to þe same place þere ryghtes be peece of our lorde Ihu cristе,
that both here þe frute off goode doying þey take, and afore
þe streyte Jugge þe rewardis of euerlastyng life fynde þey.
32 Amen. In the yere of our lorde M^t Clj. of the Bisshiphode
of pope Eugenyе the iij., vij. 3ere.

Anathema
against
violators of
this deed.

¹ 'In Kersintona' in the Latin; i. e. Cassington.

² John de Pageham, bishop of Worcester 1159-57.

³ Name noted in margin.

⁴ Marginal note: 'tithe of salt of Wyche.'

⁵ Name noted in margin. The Latin

adds: 'and of Forsthull with their pertinences.' Burton is Blackbourton. Wood's conjecture (*City of Oxford*, ii. 191) is wrong.

⁶ 'ut nulli omnino hominum liceat.' The double negative is a feature of this translation.

About
1192?

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Thomas of
St. Valerie,

of all
grants
made of
his fee,

with ex-
emption
from scu-
tage.

[42.] Thomas of saint Walerys confirmacion.

Know þey that beñ present and to be that I, Thomas of Seynte Walerye, by the counsell and peticion of Ele my wiffe and of goode men, haue i-grauntid [and] confermyd, for my helth and of myne and for the sowles of my aunceturs and of my 4 Brethryñ, to þe church of seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanonß þere seruyng god, all the possessions of my fee to þe church of Seynte George þe which in the castell of Oxonforde is i-sett perteynyng, both of my lordshippis and of my tenaun- 8 tries of my men, In men In londis and tithys and in all oper thynges: to be holde, in-to fre and pure and perpetueñ almys. And I wilñ and commaunde that þe londis of them þe which 1 beñ of my fee be lose and quite fro scuage, tallage, & all oper 12 seculer exaccions to me perteynyng. These witnesses, ð.

137⁰,
Feb. 22.

[43.] a composicion betwene the towne of Oxford & Osney tempore Edwardi tercij confirmand. omnes libertates usque bokebynders brudge.

The dis-
pute be-
tween
Oseney and
Oxford,

as to juris-
diction in
Oseney and

* leaf 12,
back.

Warham-
bank (no.
12),
where
Oseney
claimed
feudal
lordship
(as in no.
13),
and the
town of
Oxford
claimed
municipal
rights,

SITH² diuerse debatis and Chalenges haue i-be i-mevid afore þese owres, betwene thabbot and Couent of Osney of the oone partie, and the Mayre and communitie of oxonforde on the 16 oper partie, of the Kynges ffranchises and other thynges towchyng them, that is to say, of all þe partie of the Ile of Oseneye that longeth to þe Abbot and Couent, to-gedur with all ten*auntes vpon þe weer of þe Millis of þe castell of oxon- 20 ford the which were the saide Abbot and Couent claymyñ as parcelle of þere parte of þe Ile aforsaide, with-in þe which parte of þe Ile aforsaide to-gedur also with þe forsaide were þey claymyñ vywe³ of franciplege (or lawday), and al-so-muche 24 as longeth to þe laweday, catellys of ffugityfs and felons, sock sack tol tem and Infangenthefe, and that þe saide Abbot and couent, there tenauntes and men, shall be quyte of Shires hundredis wardes Daneyeldys & all pleis and oper exaccions and 28 quarels, outetake murthur and thefte i-preuyd; and with-in the same boundis the mayre and communes of oxonford claymyñ all maner ffranchises as þey haue with-in þe towne of oxonforde, as

¹ 'terre eorum que de feodo meo sunt, solute sint et quiete.'

² In the Christ Church MS. this agree-

ment is in French, at this place; and an English version is given at folio 323.

³ MS. has 'rywe,' by a slip.

a parcelle of þe subarbes of þe sayde town; of þe which debates and chalanges þe parties aforseide haue i-putte þem-selfe in sub-mitting and ordinaunce of the bisshop of lincōn¹ prayng hym
 4 as þere fadur spiritueſſ to do bytwene them a finall discussyng and a goode a-corde in þat partie: þe saide bisshop sawe þe Euidences of þe oone partie and of þe oþer, and consideryng þe saide Ile², al so well³ þe partie of þe saide Abbot and Couent
 8 as the partie of the honowre of Seynte Walerye, and the ffraunchises of þem, by goode avisement⁴ in this wise he declared and Juggid⁵ finally in manere the which suyth: that is to say, þe saide Abbot and Couent haue ryȝht, as of þe fundacion
 12 of here church, to haue and to Enioye all þe ffraunchises and quytinges aforesaide, to þem and to þere successours, tenautes, and receuautes⁶, in all þe Abbey of Oseneye and in all þe remanent of þe partie of þe saide Abbot of þe saide Ile of Osney
 16 as [far as] to⁷ þe Brygge, and in all þe Brygge i-callid Bokebynderbrugge, and in all the water⁸ þe which renneth vndur the same brugge vnto þe Ryuer of themse towarde þe sowth and towarde þe North vnto þe Ende of þere ffree tenautes so that no
 20 mylle⁹ þere be lenyd or sett¹⁰; And for alteracion¹¹ of the name of the saide Brugge¹², for be-cawse þere be two brigges nyȝhe togedur, In this wise it is declarid by the saide Bisshop þat þe brigge þe which streecheth ouer the streme rennyng more nyȝhe
 24 þe Mille ponde of þe castell of oxonforde in þe west parte of þe saide ponde is þe saide brigge i-callid þe bokebynderbrygge; and that þe saide Maier and communes, þere heyres, ne successours, by them, ne by þere mynsters, only demaunde clayme or

was referred to arbitration of the diocesan,

whose verdict was that

(i) Oseney should have absolute lordship within the site of the abbey, and in Oseney island and in Warham-bank as far as Bookbinders Bridge

(which bridge is defined to be the bridge nearest Castle-Mills-pond),

¹ John Bokingham, bishop 1363-98.

² Marginal note: 'the Ile of Osney part of the honour of saint Walery.'

³ 'si bien la part . . . comme la part.'

⁴ 'par bone deliberacione.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe Juggement.'

⁶ 'reseantz.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'Nota, to bokebynder brugge the liberties of Osney to holde.' French: 'tanque al pont.' Oseney had its own court for its manor of Oseney; and claimed that the whole of Warham-bank was parcel of that manor, and so exempt from the mayor's jurisdiction. This claim was allowed only in part.

⁸ Marginal note: 'Waters.'

⁹ The town of Oxford (Wood's *City of*

Oxford, i. 404) had acquired one moiety of the Castle Mills (the other moiety remaining in the king's hands) and so coveted the water-power there. Hence the prohibition here stated.

¹⁰ Alternative rendering: 'soit leue.'

¹¹ Should be 'because of dispute about': 'et par altercacione del nom du dit Pont.'

¹² There were three bridges over the most easterly stream of Thames: (a) Hythe-bridge, most to the north; (b) Quaking-bridge, nearer to, but still north of, the Castle Mills; (c) a bridge south of the Castle Mills, possibly the one here called Bookbinders Bridge. The ground here at this time is shown tentatively in map iii, at end of Wood's *City of Oxford*, i.

except that Osenev tenants within these limits shall pay their fair share of taxes granted by parliament to the king, and of the expenses of sending burgesses to parliament, according to the old rate customary in the west suburb;

* leaf 13.

(ii) Oxford should have full jurisdiction, east of Bookbinders bridge between Hythe-bridge (north) and that bridge of the Castle Mills which is near the Greyfriars (south), over

execucion by cawse of Jurisdiccio[n] or oony opere cawse may do within þe precyncte aforesaide, outetake þat pabbot and Couent lette not þe saide tenauntes and receyuauntes that been or shall be with-in þe precyncte above-sayde to be contributours¹ 4 with þe communitie of oxonforde to þe dyme or quinsyme or fiftene or oper subsidye² i-grauntid or to bee grauntid to þe Kyng In playne parlement³ by the communyte of the Realme and to þe Burgeys spense⁴ to such a parlement i-chose, and so⁸ in þe same manere as þe tenauntes and receyuauntes the which been or shall be within the honowr of Seynte Walerye Doone and shall doo tyme to come and after þe sayinge of that pat⁵ in olde tyme was i-woned to be sett in the parishe⁶ of Seynte 12 Thomas Stokewelle and Twentyacre þe which were i-wonyd in commune at such a contribucion to do⁷, withoute Encrese vppon them by oony cawse to come or that maye Aryse in tymys to come, so that þe saide mayer and communitie, here heyres, and 16 successours, aquyte and discharge the sayde tenauntes and receyuauntes of þe sayde Abbot and Couent that been or shall be within þe precyncte * abovesaide that pay shall charge at such contribucion with none opere foreynys⁸. And also þe saide 20 Bisshop hathe declarid and Juggid that þe saide Mayer and communyte, here heyres, and successours, haue ryght⁹ to haue and to Enioye all þe franchises and Jurisdiccio[n] fro þe saide Brygge i-callid Bokebynderbrygge towarde þe Est bytwene þe Brigge 24 i-callid the Hithebrigge and þe Brigge by-nethe the Millys of the castell of Oxonforde towarde þe frere Menoures of all here tenauntes and receyuauntes of the saide Abbot and Couent vppon þe were pere as pay haue within þe tow[n] of Oxonford, so 28 that þe saide tenauntes and receyuauntes þe which been or shall be vppon the were above-saide be not i-lettid to vse And to haue frely pere Esement of þe water of themse¹⁰ in honest

¹ Marginal note: 'with the comminaltie of Oxford to paye the Dyme, xv^{ten}, subsidie, & to the brugis [i.e. burgesses] of parliament expenses.'

² Alternative rendering: 'au disme ou quinszime ou autre subsidie.'

³ 'en plein parlement.'

⁴ 'et a les dispenses.'

⁵ 'et ce selonc l'afferant de ceo que.'

⁶ i.e. St. Thomas' parish, with its northern districts, Stockwell (where Walton

Street now is), and Twenty-acre (about Little Clarendon Street). Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 115, mistakes the meaning of the phrase.

⁷ 'a tiel contribucione faire.'

⁸ 'qils ne seront chargez a tiele contribucione faire ouesque (= avec) autres foreynz queconques.'

⁹ Marginal note: 'liberties perteynnyng to the Maire & commynalte of Oxford & howe farre their liberties do extend.'

¹⁰ Marginal note: 'Nota.'

manere, and safe to þe sayde Abbot and Couent and to þere
 successours there free tenementes rentes and seruices and þere
 soyle¹ vppon þe same were as ryght of þe fundacion of þere
 4 church. And vppon þat as well þe sayde Abbot as þe saide
 mayre and communys haue greably assentid to þe sayde Declara-
 cion and Juggement so i-doo by þe sayde Bisshop, as above hit
 is i-sayde, And þey holde and afferme for a-corde and fynall
 8 Juggement and discussion for all dayes of þe oon parte [and
 of the other²] withoute gyle or Euyll Engyne. In-to witnyss
 of þe which þynge to þe oone parte of this Endenture abydyng
 to þe saide mayre and communyte þe saide Abbot and Couent
 12 haue i-put þere seele, and to þe oper parte of þe Same Endentu
 abydyng to þe saide Abbot and Couent þe saide mayre and
 communyte haue i-put þere commune seele. And for gretter and
 more surete and witnyss of þe acorde and of þynges abovesaide
 16 þe saide Bisshop hath i-putt his seele to þe oone and to þe oper
 parte of þe same Endenturs: i-zeve, or þe Date, at london the
 xxij. day of feuerer the yere of þe regne of oure lorde Kyng
 Edward þe iij. after þe Conquest þat is to say of Inglonde lj.
 20 and of fraunce xxxviij.

Osenev
 tenants
 living
 there,
 reserving
 to Osenev
 tenants
 free use of
 the river-
 water and
 of the soil.

[VIII. OF THE MEADOWS³.]

[44.] NOTA that whenne hit is i-saide in A Charter of Robert
 Doylly owre foundaer 'And all þat is myne in the forsaide Ile of
 Osenev' hit is to be vnderstande of all pabbey of Osney, with
 24 hegges, wallys, and Gardeyns, with þe mede i-ioyned to hit that
 is i-callyd Orchardysmede.

Explan-
 ation of
 phrase in
 no. 12.

[45.] SEKE þe forsaide charter above In þe title of þe funda-
 cion of Osenev And furpermoer how 'I Henry Doylly þe secunde
 28 haue i-zeve to þe forsaide chanons for þe sowles of my kynnes-
 folkes and for my helth and of myne all my mede þe which is at
 þe weste of þere Courte of Osenev in-to perpetuell almes free
 and quyte fro all seruice,' i.

Reference
 to no. 12,
 and to its
 confirma-
 tion in
 no. 25.

¹ Marginal note: 'reserued to Osney
 the soyll on the water goyng to the mylles
 of the Castell.'

² 'et de l'autre.'

³ Titul. VII, somewhat incorrectly, was

supposed to continue to this point: i.e.
 'Howe þe church of Seynte George was
 i-zeve to the chanons of Osenev.' The
 English MS. had, however, ceased to give it
 as a headline.

About
1240.
Extract
from
* leaf 13,
back.
charter by
Philippa,
countess of
Warwick,
granting
two mea-
dows near
Oseney,
and pas-
ture-rights
in West-
Oseney.

[46.] KNOWE all men, I. withinne ffurpermo^r that þe seyde Countesse¹ hath i-grauntid^r for he^r and^r for he^r heyres to þe Abbot and Couent and^r * to þere successours that þey haue þere closen in goode pece and^r holde þem foreuer, þat is to say, þe close of þe hamme [of the fee²] of Doylly and^r of Seynte Walerye be-hynde þe fullyng^r [mill²] of Oseney, and^r þe close that þey haue of þe ffee of Henry Symeon, I., as within þe title of 'Hedynton,' in þe which charter is i-conteyned^r that 'pabbot⁸ may haue xxi bestys in Westoseney³ after þe hey is i-mowe and i-leuyd^r vn-to Myzhelmasse and^r after myzhelmasse as many as he will.'

About
1180?
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
Henry
Doyle (? I),
of meadow.

[47.] To all cristen pepul¹² to þe which þis present writyng¹² shaft come Henry Doylly, our lorde Kynges constable, helth. Know 3e all þat mede⁴ that lyeth be-yonde [þe] water the which is i-called^r Eldee towarde þe west and^r is nyzhe to þe Burgeys medis of oxonforde þe which [are] of the ffee of Hedyndon¹⁶ that⁵ is to say, þe mede to þe chanon⁸ of Oseney of me for my helth and^r of my aunceturs is i-yeve, is of my ffee and^r of my aunceturs. In-to wittynsse of this þynge, to this present writyng my seele I haue putt to. Witnysses, &c²⁰.

1239,
Ang. 1.
Sale to
Oseney, by
Humphrey
de Monte,

of 16 acres
in Bulstake
mead,

[48.] Know þey that been present and to be that I, vmfrey of þe mounte þe Soone of Gylberte of þe mounte, for my sowle helth and^r of þe sowles of my aunceturs, 3afe and^r grauntid, and^r with my charter confermed^r for me and^r myne heyres for euer, to god and^r to þe church of Seynte Mary of Oseney and to þe chanon⁸ þere seruyng god, all my mede with þe pertinences that I had in the mede þat is callid þe mede of Bolestake⁶, withoute oony agayne-holdyng to me or to my heyres for euer, þat is to say, xvj. acris, were-of x. acris lyen bytwene the mede [of⁷ Henry son of Henry and the mead of William de gardino of Botelee, and vi. acres lie between the mead] þat Roger of

¹ Philippa Basset, co-heiress of Thomas Basset, lord of Headington, widow of Henry de Newburgh (died 1229), 6th earl of Warwick.

² Added from the Latin.

³ An island, between streams of Thames, immediately to the west of the abbey, as

figured in map ii. to Wood's *City of Oxford*.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

⁵ 'quod uidelicet pratum . . . est colatum.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'bolestake Mede.'

⁷ Added from the Latin.

Boteley helde and þe mede that Robert Mercer sumtyme helde :
 to be had and to be holde, to þe saide church and chanons for euer,
 in-to fire and perpetuell almes, with all þe ryght that longeth
 4 to þe same mede (with þe pertinences) [that] I haue or I had or
 Euer myght haue, well and in peece, firely and quietly, yeldyng
 perof yerly to me and my heyres j. d. at Estur at Oseney for all
 seculer seruice exaccion custom Sevtes and Demaundes in all
 8 thynges þe which of my lond or for my londe may be axid,
 Savyng to þe chefe lorde of þe ffee the rent of v. s. in tyme of
 heyng and to þe mower viij. d., þe which þe same chanons
 shall quyte. And I vmfrey and my heyres all þe forsaide
 12 thynges to þe forsaide church and Chanons for Euer shall
 warantize agaynste all men and women, that, if, for Defaute of
 my warantizing or my heyres, harmys or Expensis þey renne in,
 we shall satisfye them by the syght of lawfull men of our oper
 16 londis. And for þys yevyng graentyng and warantizing þe
 saide chanons yafe to me vj. marke of siluer. This charter was
 i-maade at Oseney att þe feste Seynte petur Ad uincula, The
 3ere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry¹ þe sone of Kyng John xxij.
 20 And that this my yevyng graentyng and warantizing abide
 sure and stable for Euer, with this present wrytyng and puttyng
 to of my seele I haue i-strengthit hit. The witnyssis, ð.

subject to
quit-rents
of 1d. to
the mesne
lord,

and 5s. to
the chief
lord, with
8d. 'to the
mower.'

Purchase-
money, £4.

[49.] Quyte-clayme of xxiiij. s. goyng owt of bolestake 1248,
 Mede & other parcelles. June 10.

HENRY, By the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, lorde of
 24 Irlande, Duke of Normandy, and Erle of Aungye, to all
 Baylyffes and his true men helth. Knowe 3e vs in the waye of
 cheryte to haue i-relesid to thabbot and Couent of Oseney and
 þeim quyte to haue i-claymed, for vs and our heyres for Euer, of
 28 xxiiij. s. 3erly to be i-zelded of þe londes the which þey holden
 of oure *seriaunt Mys², that is to saye, in Oxonforde-shire of
 þe mede of Bolestake withoute Oxonforde þat is of þe seriaunty
 of Gilbert of Mountes ix. s., And of A mede withoute Bampton
 32 þe which is i-callid Huntmede that is of þe seriauntye of
 Richard de la mare v. s. And of þe mede that is i-called

Surrender
to Oseney,
by Henry
III,
of rent-
charges
over
Oseney
property,

* leaf 14.
viz., in
Oxford-
shire, out
of Bulstake
mead, 9s.;
and out of
meads at

¹ Marginal note: 'Henricus 3, Rex Anglie.'

² 'seriaunt Mys' in MS., in error for 'serjauntyes': 'de nostris seriantis.'

Hampton,
59. and
39. 4d.;
and in
Bucks, in
Southcot,
68. 8d.

Burewege that is of þe Seriauntye of Henry de la mare iij. 3.
iiij. d. And In Bokyngham-shire of j. 3erdelonde with þe
pertinences in Suthcote þat is of þe Seriauntye of William of
Seynte Clare dñ. marke. In-to witnyssse of this thyng these ouȝt
letters we haue i-made to be i-made patent, My-selfe witnesse,
at Wynchester x. daye of June In the yere of ouȝt reame
xxxij.

About
1170.
Excerpt
from grant
to Oseney,
by Ralph
Boterell,
of meadow
at Oseney,

[50.] BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of holy church þat I, 8
Raph Boterell, prayng and willyng Julyan my wife and Johan
heȝ Dowghter, 3afe and grauntid, in-to ffre and perpetueñ almys,
to þe church of god and of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe
chanons þere seruyng god, ȝ. And within &c^o And þe mede¹ 12
that is by þe courte of Oseney of þe oper side of þe water: for
þe which mede þey shaft yelde Euery seynte John Baptiste day
euery yere to þe church of seynte ffrideswith for me xiiij. d. for
all seruice. [This² grant I have made to them free and quit from 16
all service] bothe ryalle and oper and all exaccion, in þe chapiter
of þeñd afore þe Couent, And vppon þe Auter, also with my
wife I offerid hit: þese witnyssys. This my³ Charter is i-write
hole in þe title of Hokenortoñ. And note þat we haue a con- 20
firmacion of William Horevile and of Johan his wife vppon þe
forsaide charter, þe which is Above in þe title of Hokenortoñ, ȝ.

as in no.
217, and

confirmed
in no. 218.

About
1190.

[51.] quyte-clayme of ij. s. &c^o owt of Gocesham.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Thomas de
la grave,

of meadow,

subject to
28. quit-
rent to
Heading-
ton manor.

KNOWE þey that present be and to be that I, Thomas fñȝt
flulcon. de la Grave, yeve and graunte, in-to fre and perpetueñ 24
almys, to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe
chanons þere seruyng god, all my mede of Gocesham that Geffrey
fñȝt Durande helde: to be holde ffrely and quietly, sauynȝ ij.
3. þe which þe same chanons of þe same mede yelden for me 28
and my heyres to þe maner of Hedyntoñ yerely at þe feste of
Seynt M[i]chȝhell. Truly I toke in my hande for me and my
heyres to warantize to þe same chanons þat tenement ouer all
and agaynste all meñ. Of this ouȝt yifte, ȝ. þe witnysse, ȝ. 32

¹ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ Omit 'my.'

- [52.] KNOWE þey that been present and to bee þat I, Adam Porter of Oseney, haue i-gefe, grauntid, and with my charter confermed, to þabbot of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng
 4 god, all my mede that I holde of Water Cole þat lieth bytwene Bolestake and þe mylle of Boteley, that is to say, ij. acres and
 8 to my heyres yerly ij. d. at Myzhelmasse and to Water Cole
 12 And if þe forsaiðe ij. Acris and iiij. Buttes to þe forsaiðe Abbat
 16 3afe to me in Rewarde³ vj. marke of silueŕ. And þis yifte graunte and warantizyng truly to be holde I adam porter for me and my heyres haue I-plizght my trowth and with my seele puttyng to haue i-strengththe hit. These witnyssys, ƿ.
- 20 [53.] To all cristen men to þe which this wrytyng shall come, prior of lantony, Archedecun and Deene of Gloucetur, helth in our lorde. Knowe ye all þat whenne, by diurese letters afore vs and afore þabbot and prior and Deene of
 24 Abendon of Delegatye of our lorde þe pope Honory þe iij., whas a plee betwene þe lorde Abbot and Couent of⁴ Enysham of þe oon partye, and lorde Richard, Abbot, and Couent of Oseney of þe oper partie, vppon tithis of heye of þe saide Munckes of
 28 þere medys by Oseney lyng, and vppon a yerly rente of vj. s. for þe ferme of þe tithis of þe saide chanons of Kersynton⁵, and vppon þe payne of xl. s. [and] vppon interesse of þe same chanons by-cause agaynste þe mynychuns of Wrokeshale and
 32 vppon summe despites, at þe laste after many altercacions vppon þe saide all axynges of Euerych oper and mony wronges vnto þe tyme of makyng of this wrytyng i-meved, þe stryves⁶ betwene þe saide howses thys frendely restyd : þat is to say, þe

About 1210.

Sale to Oseney, by Adam, porter, of 2 acres and 4 butts of meadow, subject to quit-rents, 2d. to the mesne lord, 3s. to the chief lord, with 2d. to the mower.

* leaf 14, back.

Purchase-money, £4.

1226, July 14. Agreement between Oseney and Einsham abbey,

in respect of counter claims about tithes,

Oseney receiving a perpetual

¹ Marginal note : 'Mede.'² Latin : 'iii. solidos.'³ 'in gersummam.'⁴ 'Oseney' follows in MS., and ought to have been struck out.⁵ i. e. Cassington.⁶ 'lites.'

lease of
Einsham
interest in
meadows
near Ose-
ney,
paying 5s.
to Heading-
ton manor,
excusing
6s. due
from Cas-
sington by
Einsham,

and paying
to Einsham
13s. on
July 20.

Oseney
also is to
pay the
mower.

saide Abbot and Couent of Enysshā grauntid¹ and toke¹ to þe
saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney all þere mede of Bolestoke²,
with ij. hammys llyng be-hynde þe courte of Oseney towarde
þe sowth, to be holde of þe m̄ and to be had in þe name of a 4
perpetueſt ferme, for xxiiij. s. yerly in þis maner to be payde,
þat is to say, v. s. to þe chefe lorde of Hedyndon at þe terme of
Seynte John Baptiste, and vj. s. by relese þe which þe saide
chanons maade to þe saide Munkes vppoñ þe vj. s. in þe which 8
þe same Munkes were i-holde to þe m̄ for þe saide tithis [of]
Kersyntoñ for³ i-paide i-had, And þe xiiij. residue s. at þe fest
of Seynte Margarete at Oseney to þe Secresteñ of Enynsham or
to his certeyñ messynger þe saide chanons yerly withoute agayne- 12
saying and Cauillacion shall paye, And euermore þe saide
chanons ofte to susteyne þe Burdoñ⁴ of þe mower of þe saide
mede: And þe saide Munkes beēñ i-holde to þe warantzynge of
þe saide fferme. Also þe bothe parties haue i-subiecte þe m̄-selfe 16
by goode feyth to oūr Jurisdiccioñ, of þe consent⁵, for euer to
constreyne both by censure of þe churchē (apelyng i-put awaye)
to þe kepyng of þe forsaide thynges, notwithstanding þe com-
posicioñ betwene þe parties a-noper tyme vppoñ þe saide tithis 20
i-made, þe which napelesse in oper artikuls in þe composicioñ
i-contente in þere surenysses shall abide. And that this com-
posicioñ sure and stable abide for euer, both parties also with
oūr seeles haue i-strengeth hit with þere seeles. Thes thynges 24
were i-doo at Oxonforde in seynte Marye church þe thride fferie
after þe ffeſte of þe translacion of Seynte Benet, þe yere of þe
Incarnacion of oūr lorde M^tCC xxvj., afore Master Roger Caunt-
lowe and Reginalde Chapeleyñ of þe church of Seynte Oolde of 28
Oxonford vndur⁶ oūr Delegates, þe dede of þe which we by þe
popes auctorite strengthe. Þese witnysses:—

1235,
May 22.

[54.] betwene thabbot of Osney & the Pryor of ffrys-
wyse [about] the tyth hey of the meades of Northam,
Pytmeade, Hallewer, Brademore [&c⁷].

Contro-
versy be-

KNOWE⁷ all cristen meñ that whenne, bytwene Richard,

¹ 'concesserunt et tradiderunt.'

² Marginal note: 'betwene thabbotes of Eynesham & Osney for bolestake mede & the hammys &c.'

³ 'pro solutis habendis.'

⁴ 'onus' in the Christ Church MS.;

'onus consuete mercedis messarii,' in the Cotton MS.

⁵ 'de consensu'; scil. of the parties.

⁶ 'subdelegatis nostris.'

⁷ The Latin text is in Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 31. The Oseney Latin text is more correct.

Abbot, and Couent of Oseney and Simon, prior of Seynte
 frideswith, moony stryves were i-meved afore Jugges fro þe
 pope Delegate and also afore Arbitrars of þe commune consent
 4 of parties i-chose, that is to say, Archedecon of Wircetur and
 his co-arbitrars, vppoð tithe of heye of all medes of þe fee of
 Hedyndon withoute þe courte of Oseney towarde þe west lyng;
 * and vppoð þe tithis of þe heye of pese medis, Northam,
 8 Pitmede, Halewere, Brademore; and vppoð þe tithe of Corne
 and heye of Andrewe of Coveley; and vppoð þe tithe of þe
 corn of all þat porcion of telthe lying be-yonde þe Hospitaill of
 seynte Bartholomew towarde þe Est þe which was commune
 12 pasture of Coveley; and of þe tithis of Corne of þe prior and
 Couent of seynte frideswith in Cudeslawe, with¹ þe obuencion[s]
 or comyng þerof offrynges, offrynges, and oper parishall prouentes
 or profittes of pere seruantes pere levyng; and vppoð þe tithis
 16 of corne and heye of half j. hide of þe prior þe which was of
 Henry Bewfist in Thumele², with þe obuencions, offrynges,
 small tithis, and parishe servyng³ of pere men pere levyng;
 with þe tithis of þe telthe þe which is i-called Bradmore
 20 berewes: with þe tithes of A telthe þe which is i-callid Gilbers⁴;
 with⁵ þe greve that hath i-come by þe rente Encresed of
 langeneye, In the charter of Eldrede⁶ Kyng and [in] þoo oper
 Instrumentes by þe which þe church of seynte Marye Mawdefen,
 24 or oony thyng in hit, oper tithis of Northam, may be i-calengid
 of⁷ þe chanons of seynte frideswith, with renouncyng of þe vse
 of suche Instrumentes of periury of þe same chanons; and vppoð
 þe tithis of þe Milles gryndyng corne in þe courte of Oseney,
 28 And of all officis þe which been i-sett be-yonde⁸ þe oolde curse
 of þem þat is i-callid Eldee and towarde þe weste, and vppoð
 obuencions and oper parysshall profites of seruantes in þe same

tween
 Oseney
 and St.
 Frides-
 wyde's,
 about
 tithes of
 hay and
 corn

* leaf 15.
 in several
 places near
 Oxford,

[Forged
 charters.]

¹ 'Comyng-therof-offrynges' is an alternative rendering with 'obvencions,' for a single Latin word. So also 'profittes' and 'prouentes.' The Latin runs:—
 '[super] obuencionibus, oblacionibus & aliis parochialibus prouentibus servientium suorum ibidem degencium.'

² Thomley, a hamlet of Waterperry parish: Wigram, *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 154, 157.

³ 'et parochiali sequela.'

⁴ 'giberis,' a 'cultura' in Walton.

⁵ Latin [et super] 'gravamine': the

grievance being that St. Frideswyde's had bolstered up some claims by producing forged deeds: cp. no. 5. Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 44, describes a forged deed, purporting to be of date, 1201.

⁶ The Foundation Charter of Ethelred, 1004, is printed in Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 2.

⁷ 'of' = 'by': 'decime . . . vendicari possint a Canonicis S. Frid.'

⁸ 'ultra veterem cursum illius aque que vocatur Ealde-ee versus occidentem.'

were referred to arbitrators, by whose offices Oseney surrendered to St. Frideswyde's all claim to tithes in Thomley; and to certain tithes in Putmead, Halkwere and Bradmore; and to half of tithe of Wyvelsey: St. Frideswyde's surrendered to Oseney all claim to tithes of meadows west of Oseney and to tithes of Northam: the tithe of 'the lynch' to go with that of the meadow to which it belongs, or to be divided:

offices lyvyng; and vppon þe tithis bothe of corne and of heye of Middeleye, with þe obuencions and oper parisschall profites of seruauntes and of oper men þere levying; and vppon þe tithis of all þe teltþe þe which lieth vppon þe Kynges hye weye nylic 4 to þe teltþe of Wynterbroc vnto þe Hospitaill of seynte Bartholomewe; and vppon þe processions¹ of þe churchis of seynte George and of seynte marye Mawdefen in þe assencion daye of our lorde; and vppon þe tithis of þe heye and of þe Milles and 8 of þe ffishynges of Robert Hulc; and vppon [þe tithis² of all the tilled lands of the fee of Hedendon on] þe weste partie of Charewell, outetake þe tilthis of Northam, berecrofte, and oper tilthes with-in þe boundes³ of Seynte Marye Mawdefen: at þe 12 laste, by masters Robert officiaill of lincoln and [the] Archedecun [of Lincoln] and Adam Archedecun of oxonforde mediators bytwene þem, all þe saide controuersies where i-sesed frendely for Euer in this maner:—þat is to say, for þe goode of per- 16 petuall pece, þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney haue i-grauntid to þe saide prior and Couent of seynte frideswith all þe tithes of Corne and heye þe which þey were i-woned to take of þe hide of þe prior In thumele; and also all small tithis and 20 tithis of heye of putmede and Halcwere; and tithis of heye In Bradmore when þey haue i-gete hit⁴; & half þe tithis of heye of Wyulseye⁵: And saide prior and Couent of Seynte frideswith haue i-grauntid to þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseney 24 that þey haue pesible all tithis of medis of þe ffee of Hedyndon withoute þe Courte of Oseney towarde west, and that þey ioye pesible þe tithis of þe Medis of Northam, all quarelyng for Euer vppon þe saide tithis relesyng to þe saide Abbot And 28 Couent afore i-moved: And if þe lituill mede that is i-callid lynch haue i-be longyng of Northam or Halcwere⁶, þat hangyng⁷, shall be of þat parte to þe which hit is hangyng⁷, and if it be of noper hangyng, be hit departid betwene parties: and þey 32

¹ Ascension-day long retained, and still in some places retains, its processions 'beating the bounds' of parishes: cp. Wood's *Life and Times*, iii. 15.

² Added from the Latin: 'omnium terrarum cultarum de feodo de H.'

³ 'limites.'

⁴ 'eas,' scil. decimas.

⁵ Or Wyuleye. The boundaries of Cut-

slow (Wigram, *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 207) suggest that this was a meadow there.

⁶ Northam was on the north of Oxford, on the Cherwell. 'Lynch' was a meadow, surrounded by a stream of Cherwell, which might go either with Northam on the south or with Halcwere on the north.

⁷ 'appendicium.'

- haue¹ i-grauntid to þe chanons of frideswith þe oper partie of tithes of heye of Wyuesley, of þe which mede þe tithes with commune conselles and expenses of[t] to be i-gete and gaderid.
- 4 Ouermore, þe tithes of þe heye of Andrewe of Coveley, fully and pesible, shaft be i-paide to pabbot and Couent of Oseneye: Also þe tithes of þe heye and of þe mylles and of þe ffisshynges of Robert Hulc as longe as he is parissheñ of Cudelyntoñ by
- 8² skele of pat tenauntrye, And if (after pat same mannys decease R.³) [the] chanons of Seynte frideswith wille holde hit in here owne hande with pertinences, hit⁴ shaft be of þe saide tithis as þe lawe yeveth: and other petitions And quarels (vppoñ oper
- 12⁵ pynges above i-named, and vppoñ small⁶ peticions almoste of l. marke, and of axynges of Expenses by-cawse of Stryves i-maade) i-mevid, both parties to euerche oper haue i-relesed for Euer; thynges i-doo afore napelese and composicions of lange-
- 16 neye and vppoñ þe church of Seynte Marye Mawdelen sumtyme betwē parties i-maade þorowgh all here articles in þere strenght abidyng. þe chanons also of Seynte frideswith full restitution of A rent of ix. d. of A grounde sumtyme⁶ fired in þe parisshe of
- 20 Seynte Marye Mawdelen to þe same church shaft do; and to⁷ þe chanons of Oseney þere accioñ Haue relesed, and quarell vppoñ that rent i-mevid. Also both parties consentid that þe compromisse i-maade to-gedur bytwene þem of þe saide thynges
- 24 be nawght and be i-cancellid; and hit is renouncid to pynges i-purchased⁸ as to þo contrauersys and pynges above-named. And þe saide Abbot of Oseney and prior of Seynte frideswith, for þem-selfe and þere couentes, seying the holy pynges, that in
- 28 goode feithle and withoute Gile this composicion þey shaft kepe in all thynges and neuer shaft Imagyne⁹ vnto oony preiudice of hit. Þese thynges were doo þe yere of þe Incarnacion of our

expense of getting tithe-hay of Wyvelsey to be shared. Oseney to have tithe-hay of Andrew of Cowley; and tithe of Hule mills so long as held by present tenant. [If St.

* leaf 15, back, Frideswyde's stake Hule mills into its own hand, let the law decide about the tithe.] [Former agreements about Langney and St. Mary Magdalen church to hold good.] Oseney also to have a quit-rent (challenged by St. Frideswyde's) of 9d. in St. Mary Magdalen parish.

¹ So also in Latin, but must be in error. St. Frideswyde's has already received its half; this should have been given as Oseney half.

² 'ratione illius tenementi.'

³ 'R.' is deferred out of its right place. 'Si autem, post decessum eiusdem R., canonici...'

⁴ 'erit de dictis decimis, sicut ius dictaverit.' For the final agreement as to this point see no. 76.

⁵ 'Small' is in error for 'mutual' or

cross-actions. 'super mutuis [in the Cotton MS.: mis-read in the Christ Church MS. *minutis*] petitionibus pene L. marcarum.'

⁶ 'de terra quondam Siredi.'

⁷ Omit 'to.' 'et canonici Oseneye... remiserunt.'

⁸ 'et renunciatum est impetratis, quantum ad...'

⁹ 'nunquam aliquid in eius preiudicium machinabuntur.'

lorde M¹CCxxv, xj. Rk of June, in þe Chapell of Seynte Nicholas at Osney: and that all these thynges abide sure for Euer, they beñ i-seeled with þe seeles of Both Howses, and of þe saide Abbot and prior, also and with seele of þe worschipfull 4 Archedecuns, ꝑ.

122¹,
Febr. 3.

[55.] betwene thabbot of Osney & the pryoresse of lytlemore.

Agreement
between
Osenev and
Littlemore
pory,
by which
Osenev
granted
Littlemore
a perpetual
lease of the
tithes of
hay of a
meadow
near Ose-
ney, for 28.
quit-rent.

THIS is Covenaut i-maade Betwene sire Richard Abbot and Couent of Osenev of þe oone party, and þe lady priorisse and Couent of litulmore of þe oper partye, þat where þe saide 8 Abbot and Couent had i-Drawe þeñ in-to plee, afore Jugges of our lorde pope delegate, vppon tithis of heye of þer mede þat is betwene þe court of Osenev and of Henxhey and Is i-callid Snellesey: at þe laste, ffrendely þe saide chanon^s grauntid¹² to þeñ þe saide tithis for ij. s. yerly, in þe name of A fferme of them to be holde for Euer, in two termes of þe yere to þeñ to be i-paide, that is to sey, At Estur xij. d. and at þe fest of seynte Mijheñ xij. d.; and, last by procese of tyme oony strife or 16 question be i-sprunge vppon þe saide tithis, or þat þat is i-doo of þe same tithis betwene parties to be callid agayne in-to dowte or to be made vnsure by oony maner, þis writyng is i-made, of þe which oon partye i-seled with seelis of þe saide chanon^s 20 abideth to þe saide prioress and couent, And þe oper partye i-seled with seelis of þe same mynchons to þe saide chanon^s. Also þe forsaide Abbot and Couent þe forsaide tithis as pere owne with pere owne costes [shall¹ defend] for þem-selfe and²⁴ for þe saide Minchons. Þese þynges were i-doo at Abendoñ in þe grete church In þe morowe of þe purificacion of þe blessed virgyñ, þe yere fro þe Incarnacion M¹CCxxij.

About
1180.

[56.] friswid¹ gyueth to osnye .ijj. s. yerly rent for relese of ij. s. vj. d.

Confirma-
tion to
Osenev, by

PHILIPPE² prior of Seynte ffrideswith and all þe Couent 28 of þe same place to all true men of our holy modur þe church

¹ Added from the Latin.

to St. Frideswyde's is in Wigram's *Curt.*

² The Latin text of the Osenev grant *S. Frid.*, ii. 244.

helt. Knowe ye vs to have i-grauntid, and with our seele
 prynting to haue confermed, to þe chanon^s of Oseney that yifte
 þe which William Hereville and Johan his wiffe [made¹ to them
 4 of the meadow which the said William and Joan his wife] holde
 of vs for iij. ³. yerly to be i-paide at þe ffeſt of Seynte John
 Baptiste for all seruice, that is to say, that lieth by þe courte of
 Oseney be-yonde þe water, whereof þe forsaide William maade
 8 to vs homage and hath our Charter, sa þat þe forsaide chanon^s
 of Oseney þo iij. ³. þe which þe saide William and his heyres
 ofte to vs perof, for hym and for his heyres, to vs 3erly at
 þe forsaide terme shaft paye, And þat þe chanon^s of * Oseney,
 12 for þese iij. ³. and for here deliueryng, relesed² to vs xxx. d. þe
 which we haue i-owyd to pay to þem 3erely for summe tithis of
 Escote (vppoñ þe which hit² was A translacion whas i-maade
 betwene our church and þem afore Jugges Delegate), and for vs
 16 haue assined þe oper vj. d., þe which he shaft paye Euery daye
 at þe saide terme of seynte John, to thomas ffitz Eilrice and þe
 heyres of hym, of a londe þe which he holdeth of þe forsaide
 chanon^s of Oseney within þe Borowgh of oxonforde for ij. ³.
 20 3erely, so þat we no-thing more³ of þe same thomas and his
 heyres maye axe. These witnesse, ¹.

St. Frides-
 wyde's, of
 a meadow
 held of
 their house
 by quit-
 rent of
 3⁸.

* leaf 16.
 and accept-
 ance, by
 way of pay-
 ment, of
 surrender
 of 2s. 6d.
 due to
 Oseney for
 tithes,
 and of 6d.
 out of an
 Oxford
 quit-rent
 due to
 Oseney.

[57.] To all cristen men to þe which þis writyng shaft come
 Robert by þe mercy of god [abbot] and Osbert prior of Haben-
 24 don euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. To all yowre knowlege we
 wille hit come, vs to haue i-take owre lorde þe pope-is com-
 maundement in þe wordes:—

Honory, Bisshop, seruauant of þe seruantes of god, to yowre⁴
 28 beloued sonnys, Abbot⁵ of Redyng and of Abendon Abbotes,
 and prior of Abendon, of Saresbury Diocese, helth and þe
 apostels Benyson: our beloued sonnys Abbot and Couent of
 Oseney in here planyng shewed þat Richard Clerke and summe
 32 oper of lincoln and Saresbury dioceses, vppoñ tithis possessions
 and oper thynges to þere church of Seynte George of ryzgth
 longe⁶, wronge⁷ to þe same. Perfore to yowre discrecion, by þe

122¹.
 March.
 Decision
 in favour
 of Oseney,
 by papal
 commis-
 sioners,

¹ Supplied from the Cottonian MS.,
 communicated by Rev. H. Salter.

² 'Super quibus transactum fuit inter
 nostram ecclesiam,' i.e. 'translacion' for
 'transaccion.'

³ 'nihil amplius quam vi d.'

⁴ Read 'our.'

⁵ Omit 'Abbot.'

⁶ Read 'longing': 'de iure spectantibus.'

⁷ i.e. do wrong: 'iniuriantur.'

[Formula
of a papal
commis-
sion.]

appointed
April 28,
1220,

in a suit
against
various
Oxford
citizens,

for tithe of
hay of
meadows
near Ose-
ney,

apostels writyng, we commaunde (pat þe partes i-callid) ye hire þe cause, and þat that is ryȝht (appelle i-put a-backe) ye ordeyne, makyng þat þat ye ordeyne by þe censure of þe church surely to be kepid, and þe witnysses that ben i-named (if þey, 4 for grace, hatrede, or drede, with-drawe þem) by þe same censure (appelle cesyng) constreyned to bere witness to þe trowthe; and if ye all to þese þynges to be executid may not be¹ atte hit, ȝit at þe leste tweyne doo execucion. Date at Viterbe, 8 þe iiij. KK. of may, of ouȝ Bisshophode þe iiij. ȝere.

þen for², by þe auctorite of this maundement, abbot of Redyng, ouȝ flawe Jugge, hym-selfe at³ all þe cause excusyng, þe which was i-moved betwene Richard Abbot and Couent¹² of Oseneye, of þe oon party, and Henry fȝȝt Symon, Philippe Milleȝ, Symon Balehorn, Rordan rede⁴, William Were⁵, Oriot wydwe of Oyeȝ, Anneys wydwe of John Burewalde, John Pady, Richard Stocweȝ, Alurey Elmel, Robert oerre, Andrewe¹⁶ Halegoode, Milon Baker⁶, of the oper party; Abbot and Couent of Osneye by a procurator⁷, Philip Milleȝ, S. Balehorne, and John Rede⁸, in here owne persones, and oper afore-named by procurators⁷ in ouȝ presence i-sette, þe striffe vppoȝ tithis of²⁰ heye of þe forsaide men, that is to saye, of þe medes þe which lye withoute the courte of Oseneye towarde þe west i-witnessed, and witnesses to⁹ þe tēte of pabbot and Couent of Osneye to be proued afore vs i-browȝht forth and examined, by¹⁰ orde of²⁴ lawe abowthe þe publiſshyng of [the attestations] þe saide witnisses i-browȝht forth and þe disputyng of parties thoroght all thynges i-kepid: When¹¹ it was opyȝ of plee, renuncyng of þe bryngyng forth of witnesses and the allegacions hidis¹² and²⁸ pere i-doo, whenne fully it was i-preued by feythfull men pat þe saide medis¹³ of þe forsaide places of oxonforde was of þe parish

¹ 'non . . . potueritis interesse.'

² Read 'þefore': 'igitur.'

³ 'ad totam causam.'

⁴ 'rufum.' Read 'Iordan.'

⁵ 'Bere.'

⁶ 'pistorem.'

⁷ 'per procuratores': 'procurator' seems to be a shortening, in the direction of 'proctor.'

⁸ 'Iordano ruffo.'

⁹ 'ad probandam intentionem.'

¹⁰ Omit 'by.' 'iuris ordine, circa publicationem attestacionum dictorum testium

productorum et partium disputacionem, per omnia observato.'

¹¹ 'Cum nobis de causa liqueret, renunciationibus productionum testium et allegacionum hinc inde factis': i. e. both parties declared they had no more oral testimony (testes) or written statements (allegaciones) to produce.

¹² Read 'hidir' (hither and thither).

¹³ Marginal note: 'vppoȝ the tythes of cōteyn Mede lying without the Courte of Osney towards the west.'

of þere church of seynte George, or of seynte Marye Mawdelen
 þe which longeth to þe same church of seynte george, and
 nobyng whas i-proued in-to contrarye, þe grace of þe holy goste
 4 i-called¹, þe tithis of heye of þe forsaide mede i-axid, with
 þe counsell of wise men and of men of lawe sittynge² to vs,
 þe saide [aduersaries³ being present, and of the said] aduer-
 sariis beyng absent þe procutours in þere name beyng to, þe
 8 tithis of þe hey of þe forsaide medes⁴ to be i-paied for parish
 ryght for euer to pabbot and Couent of Oseneye by * sentence
 diffynynge⁵, we haue i-Jugged. Moreouer we haue þe forsaide
 aduersariis in-to resonable expensis to þe saide Abbot and
 12 Couent condempned. In-to þe strength and witnysses of this
 thyng, to þis writyng present owre seelis we haue i-Juggid
 worthy to put to. These thynges were i-do in þe chapeill of
 Seynte Nicholas at Abendon, In þe moneth of Marche, þe yere
 16 of þe Incarnacion of our lorde anno M^t CC xxiiij.

* leaf 16,
back.

and award
of costs of
the suit to
Oseney.

[58.] KNOWE þey þat ten nowe and to be þat I, Symon
 Balehorne of oxonforde, haue i-geve grauntid lefte and haue
 deliuered and with þis present charter confermyd, for me and
 20 my heyres, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney
 and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all þe londe, þ. Also
 vj. acris of mede⁶, where-of iiij. lye by þe mede that sumtyme
 whas of Robert Mercer, of⁷ þe which also vj. acris alyne Smyth⁸
 24 helde sumtyme ij. acris, and Hugh Carpenter oper ij. acris, and
 John Sewy oper ij. acris, and þey lye By þe mede of þe lorde of
 that fee, and all þo vj. acris strecche þem-selfe vn-to þe water
 þat floweth fro Bolestake, þ. This charter is i-write hole with-
 28 inne þe title of 'þe parish of Seynte Marye' of þe Borowgh of
 Oxonforde.

About
1220.

Excerpt
from a
grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Balehorn,

of (amongst
other gifts)
6 acres of
meadow.

¹ 'invocata.'

² 'assidentium.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Marginal note (of later date): 'quaere
if it be not the meades that mr. president
of corpus christi colledge;' referring no
doubt to Botley causeway, constructed

about 1530 by Dr. John Claymond across
these meadows: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i.
437.

⁵ 'per sententiam diffinitivam.'

⁶ Marginal note: 'Mede.'

⁷ 'de quibus etiam sex acris.'

⁸ 'Alanus faber.'

[IX. ALDEWERE.]

About
1180.

[59.] The locke of Osney.

Grant to
Osney, by
Bernard of
St. Valerie,
of a lock on
Thames,
and the
water-
course
which fed
Osney
mills.

BE¹ hit i-knowe to all true men of holy church þat I, barnarde of Seynte Walerye, haue i-geve and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to þe church of god and of Seynte marye of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, ⁴ my goter or locke² by themse, with þe course of water þe which rennyth to þe myllis of þe Same chanons In osneye, in-to ffre pure and perpetueñ almes, [quiet] fro all Seculer service and Demaunde, for þe helthe of my lorde þe Kyng Henry and myne ⁸ and of Anor my wife and of Barnarde my Soone and of my oper ffrendes. These witnesses, Gerarde my nevowe þe Vicounte³ of pinkeny, Master John of Brideporte, and oper.

1315.

[60.] A INQUISICION i-made for þe planke and philete to ¹² be i-put in þe loke.

After
sworn
evidence of
a jury of
fourteen,

Inquisicïon i-take By William of Hakeburn, þen Baylyffe of þe hundrede withoute þe Northgate of oxonford, þe yere of Kyng Edward⁴ þe Soone of Kyng Edward þe ix, by þe oþe ¹⁶ of Gilberte Shipton, william of Eynysham, of Adam Tilhurst, Robert queyntoñ⁵, William Broun, Robert Grynder, Water Wareborowgh, Hugh of Barton, John leyge, [Richard⁶ of Bloxham, Walter of Hereford, Walter mareschal, Robert of Legge] ²⁰

Osney had
leave to
put a board
in Osney
lock, and,
if neces-
sary, also
a 'fillet.'

William Westoñ, þe which seyne by þere othe that þabbot of Osneye shaft put in his locke on table⁷ of þe brede of ij. fote and dñ. with iij. borys or holys, And if hit be nede and lacke of water he⁸ shaft vppoñ put ooñ philet of þe brede of halfe ²⁴ a foote. In-to witnyse of thys thyng þe forsaide swore men haue put to þere seelys. i-geve at osney þe day and þe yere a-forsaide.

¹ The MS. marks nos. 59, 60 with a big marginal bracket, and has, opposite the beginning of 59, the marginal note: 'shewe the Rolle in latten for this.'

² 'gurgitem meum.'

³ 'vicedomino de Pinkeni.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Edward 2.'

⁵ 'Quenintone.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ 'ponet . . . unam tabulam.'

⁸ 'su[per]ponet unum filetum.'

- [61.] MOOLDE themperice, þe dowghter of Kyng Henry, and lady of Engliſſh meñ, to Archiebiſſhops Biſſhops Abbotes Erles Barons Juſtices Schreves Mynſters and to all heſ true meñ
- 4 Engliſſhe and ffrenſhe¹ of all Inglonde helth. Knowe ye me to haue i-yeve and to haue i-grauntid, in-to perpetueſſ almes, to god and to ſeynte Marye of Oſeney and to þe chanons pere ſeruyng god, for þe ſtate and ſtabylneſſe of þe Reame of
- 8 Inglonð & þe helth and welefare of my lorde Erle of Aungye and of my² ffree childroñ and for my*ne and for þe ſowle of Kyng Henry my faduſ and of quene moolde my Moduſ & of our aunceturs and for þe helth of my ſowle and remiſſion of my
- 12 ſynnes, þ^o goter or locke³ þat is i-callid aldewere, fre and quite, þe which was i-woned to pay by yere to my ffirme of Oxonforde iiij. ſ.; And with-in þe borowgh of oxonforde, v. ſ. v. d. ob. qua. þe⁴ which þey woned to pay of þe langabule by yere of þat
- 16 londe of þe londe of þe Kyng viij. yerdes, with Burbabuſ⁵ and all oper thynges and customs to þe ſame londe perteynyng; And þe Ile of langeneye with all thynges perteynyng to hit, þe which Geffrey Chamburleyne of Glymton a-fore me⁶ to þem
- 20 in-to almes grantid and quite-claymed; and j. hide of londe of Staunton þe which lieth at Hanborowgh by þe Brigge of Bladoñ as quene Adelide 3afe hit to þem, for þe ſowle of Kyng Henry my faduſ and with heſ charter confermed. Wherefore I wiſſ
- 24 and ſurely charge þat þe forſaide church and chanons þe forſaide tenauntries holde, weſſ and in peece, worſchipfully frely and quietly, with ſocke, ſacke, tol, and them, and Infangenthefe,

About 1142. Grant and confirmation to Oseney, by Maud, empress, of

* leaf 17.

(a) Aldewere, exempted from quit-rent of 4s.:

(b) quit-rent of 5s. 5d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. $\frac{1}{4}$ d. (see no. 14);

(c) Langeney;

(d) dowager-queen Alice's gift (no. 83);

with manorial jurisdiction.

¹ The Latin observes the Norman order, 'omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis.'

² 'et liberorum meorum.'

³ Marginal note: 'The locke called aldewere.' Oseney rentals place it in St. Michael at South Gate parish. It was, perhaps, the lasher of that mill which afterwards became the mill of the Black Friars.

⁴ 'quos reddere solebant, de Langabulo per annum, de terra illa qu[a]e dicitur "Octovirgate regis" cum burgabulo et omnibus aliis rebus.' Landgable was a small payment to the Crown by certain houses in towns. Oseney charters indicate that perhaps one house in five paid it. In 1142 Oseney held about twenty houses in Oxford, the landgable of which amounted

to this 5s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. This landgable was collected by the bailiff of the king's property in Beaumont, called the 'Ehtyerd of the King,' 'octo virgate regis,' being two hides in extent. In the Pipe Rolls the allowance to Oseney of these exemptions of 4s. and 5s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is regularly recorded.

⁵ In an original charter of King Stephen to Oseney (now at Christ Church) the word appears as 'Brugable.' It was a pre-Norman tax paid by certain houses for the right to brew. When (in 1280) the Cartulary was compiled, the scribe seems not to have known the meaning of the word, and to have tried to explain the word as 'burg-gable.'

⁶ i. e. in my presence: 'coram me.'

and all oþer customs and fredoms þe which they had whenne þey were in þe Kynges lordeship. These witnesse, &c^o.

About
1225 ?
Quit-claim
to Oseney,
by William
(son of
Elias),
fisher,
of his in-
terest in
Aldwere.

[62.] To all cristen men to þe which this present wrytyng shaþ come William ffigt Helie ffigsher¹ helth in our lorde. 4
Knowe ye all me to haue releseþ and quite-claymed, for me and myne heyres for euer, to Richard² Abbot of oseneye, my locke³ or goter þe which is i-callid Aldwere, and all my rygþt in hit þat I had or mygþt haue. And þat [this] relese and quyte- 8
clayme be sure and stabull for euer, This present wrytyng with my seele I haue i-strengþid. These witnesses, &c^o.

[X. Of the chapel of St. Thomas.]

Legend
that St.
Thomas's
church was
built be-
tween Sept.
and Dec.
1142.

[63.] Duryng⁴ þe sege of þe castell of oxonforde of Kyng sthephynd, þe which moolde themperice in þe saide castell longe 12
segid, was beeldid þe chapel of Seynte thomas (for þe parissjons of Seynte George in-to þe castell mygþt not come ne entre): and hit is to be knowe þat hit was i-beeldid vppon þe ffee of Seynte Walerye vppon þe halfe of þe x. and vij. acris þe which to vs 3afe 16
bernarde of Seynte Walerye, as hit is i-schewed by þe charter folowyng.

[NOTE.—This is not the place to discuss a very interesting, but most obscure, point in Oxford topography, as to which Anthony Wood himself is more than usually hesitating (*City of Oxford*, ii. 112-7). Still, since it is distinctly brought up in these documents, the facts may be briefly set down. (A) Between Oxford Castle and the site of Oseney stands St. Thomas' parish church, now, and for long back, the mother church of the west suburbs of Oxford: see Map at beginning of Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. (B) No. 66 describes the founding of a chapel near the gate of Oseney. Were (A) and (B) separate or the same? What were the date and occasion of their foundation and refoundation, or dates and occasions of their foundations? Oseney tradition, set out in no. 63, may at once be dismissed. Could a church have been built, on the sudden inroad of war into Oxford west suburb, between Sept. and Dec. 20, 1142? Could a church have even been begun, almost within bow-shot of a hotly-besieged castle? The most probable solution of the difficulty is to take nos. 64 and 66 together, and no. 65 as referring to a distinct building. In no. 65 we have the grant by the diocesan of a semi-domestic chapel, apparently within Oseney island, probably destroyed at the dissolution. After Oseney, in 1152, obtained possession of St. George's in the Castle (no. 23), the abbey may reasonably be supposed to have provided a more convenient church for its large parish in the west suburb of Oxford. This would account for the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, which seems to be implied in no. 66.]

¹ 'piscator.'

² Probably Richard de Grey, abbot 1221-9.

³ Marginal note: 'The said locke.'

⁴ The heading in the Latin is, 'De

Capella sancti Thome.' In the English MS. there is a (later) marginal note here: 'Saint Nicholas Church.'

[64.] KNOWE all meñ bothe present and to be that [I],
Bernarde of Seynte Walerye, 3afe and grauntid, and with this
present charter confermed, to þe church of god and of Seynte
4 Marye of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þer seruyng god, halfe of x.
and vij. acris and halfe j. acre of my lordeship in oseney, þe
which lye at þe northe next to þe courte of þe same chanon̄s
and to þe tenement, of þe which acris þe lenght Is i-strechid
8 fro þe wey by þe which me goeth¹ fro Oseney to þe church
of Seynte George, vnto þe water þe which rennyth to þe Millis of
þe same chanon̄s, in-to fre and pure alm̄ys fro all seruice, sauynge
þe ryght of oūr lorde Kyng, for þe helth of my lorde Kyng
12 Henry and myne and of Anor my wife and of Bernard my sone
[and² of my other children and 'parents' and my friends, and
specially for the soul of Reginald my son] and for þe sowles of
my fadūr and modūr³ and of moolde my wife and of Symon my
16 vncl̄e and of oþer kenn̄esfolkes⁴ and of my frendes, (and⁵ speciaff
for þe Sowle * of reynolde my sone). This yifte I made in
þe Abbey of Oseney where I a-boode In a lente⁶.

About
1180.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Bernard of
St. Valerie,
of the
mediety of
17½ acres
beside
Oseney.

* leaf 17,
back.
[Lent at
Oseney.]

[65.] To all cristen meñ to þe which þis present writyng
20 shaft come, Hugh⁷, by þe grace of god Bisschop of lincoln, helth
euerlastyng in oūr lorde. Knowe ye all ow̄r beloued Sones
Abbot and chanons of Oseney A chapeff of oūr assent and wille
afore þe 3ate of here courte in þere owne grownde to haue i-made,
24 to þat specially that in hit to þere seruantes and giftes⁸ or also
to þere parisschons in⁹ that cooste dwellyng, whenne¹⁰ hit is
goode to þeñ, diuine thynges to be done: and laste þe same
brethrin̄, by cause of this chapeff, with vnryghtfull vexynges or
28 exaccions here-after be i-weried, We decree þat chapeff for
Euer free to be fro Sinodall and to Enioy all þe Immunit̄es þe
which þe monastery Enioyeth. Pat this be rate and ferme with

About
1190.
Grant to
Oseney,
by the
diocesan, of
a chapel
just outside
Oseney
gate, for
use of ser-
uants and
guests,

free from
synodals,
and privi-

¹ 'a via qua itur.'

² Added from the Latin. The repetitions are singular, and suggestive of forgery.

³ 'pro animabus patris et matris.'

⁴ 'parentum.'

⁵ The bracketed clause is brought in here by the translator, who had noticed his omission, as above.

⁶ 'cum moram facerem in ea in quadam quadragesima'; also suspiciously vague.

⁷ The witnesses—Stephen, chancellor of Lincoln; Roger of Rolleston (became dean of Lincoln 1195, died 1223); Nigel, dean of Oxford,—attach this to Hugh of Avalon, bishop 1186–1200.

⁸ Read 'gestes'; 'hospitibus.'

⁹ 'in ipso confinio.'

¹⁰ 'cum commodum eis fuerit, divina celebranter.'

leged as
Oseney
itself.

this writyng and our seele puttyng to we avised to be strengthid.
Pese witnesseses, ꝛ.

About
1222.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
the pope,
of a chapel,
possibly
dedicated
to St.
Nicholas.

[66.] HONORYE¹, Bisshophe, *seruaunt* of þe *Seruauntes* of
god, to þe beloued soones Abbot and Couent of Oseney helth and⁴
the apostls blessing. Þe apostell see is woned to graunte to þe
goode desires and honest praieres of axers beniuolente fauor
to parte². Þerfore, our beloued Soones in our lorde, to yowr
ryȝhtfull praiers Inclined, þe chapell of Seynte Thomas with⁸
his *pertinences*, all ye³ ryȝhtfully lawfully and pesible ye haue
hit, [to you], and by⁴ ȝow to your *monastery*, by thapostels
auctorite we conferme and with þe help of this writyng we
make hit stronge. Þerfore to [no] man vturly⁵ be hit lawfull¹²
this writyng of our confirmacion to breke or to hit come agayne⁶
with frowarde boldenyss: and if oony man that to assay wille
presume, indignacion of almyȝhty god and of þe Blessed apostls
petur and powle knowe þey þem-selfe to haue i-cumme inne.¹⁶
Þe Date at lateranne, ꝛ.

About
1200.

Grant to
Oseney,
by Thomas
of St.
Valerie,

[67.] KNOW þey that be present and to be þat I, Thomas
of Seynte Walerye, haue i-yeve, grauntid, and confermed with
my present charter, to god and to þe church of Blessid marye of²⁰
Osney and to þe chanonȝ þere *seruyng* god, for me and my wife
and for þe sowles of my faduȝ and my moduȝ and of my aun-
ceturs, in-to pure and perpetuell almes, ij. sellions or buttes of
lond to a wey⁷ to be made at northoseney⁸ by þe Diche of þe²⁴
londe of þe forsaide chanonȝ þe which⁹ Bernarde my fadur ȝafe
to þem with þe roses pathe¹⁰ that is bitweȝ þe forde that is
i-callid Uuerforde¹¹ and þe londe of þe chanons, þe wey In
lenght strecchyng hit-selfe fro þe forsaide forde vnto þe howse²⁸
þe which [was sometime] of Water lingedraper: þe forde also
(that is of my ryȝht), and¹² In eyþer [part] goyng vppe and
goyng downe with-oute¹³ harmyng of my mede. And hit

of two
strips at
North
Oseney to
make a
road along-
side of the
land in
no. 64,
and of a
right of
ford there,
provided

¹ Honorius III, pope 1216-27.

² 'to graunte . . . to parte' translates
the one word 'impartiri.'

³ For 'all ye' read 'as': 'sicut.'

⁴ 'vobis, et per vos monasterio vestro.'

⁵ 'nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat.'

⁶ 'vel ei contraire.'

⁷ Marginal note: 'a weye.'

⁸ North Oseney (afterwards the site of
Rewley abbey) was an island, amid streams

of Thames, next Oseney to the North:
map ii. in Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii.

⁹ i. e. londe.

¹⁰ 'cum Roseo': possibly, the 'rushy'
path.

¹¹ Marginal note: 'Vuerford.' Cotton
MS. reads 'Were-ford.'

¹² 'et, in utraque parte, ascensionem et
descensionem.'

¹³ MS. has 'downe with with oute.'

is to be know that I haue forgefe to þe same afore¹ many
chanons of ferme of vj. d. if so moche be to be paid; And
if oony thyng ouer þoo vj. d. to be paid, þey shaft paye hit
4 to my cheker at þe fest of Seynte My³gheft. This wey, with þe
Above-saide thynges, to þe forsaide chanons I graunte, to be
holde of me and myñde heyres, frely and quietly, weñ and
pesible for Euer, with-oute vexyng. And [þat] this my 3ifte
8 and graunte sure & vnbroke abide, hit with þe witnesses of
this present writyng and puttyng to of my seele, [I] þowght
worpy to strenghte: þese witnesses, &c.²

that his
meadow
is not
damaged.
and that
if the grant
exceed 6d.
in yearly
value
Oseney pay
the excess
as a quit-
rent.

[XI. MEDLEY.]

[68.] HIT is to be remembrid howe we haue Midleye and
12 þe Wike and oþer pertinences of þe yifte of þe Burgesis of oxon-
forde, paying to þe same for þe yifte and warantizyng j. marke
of * siluer, þe which truly marke þe saide Burgesis asseynd to
þe priory of ffrideswith [to² be paid by our hands, for the
16 penalty laid on them] for þe detñ of clerkes sumtyme hangid
of³ þe same.

Note that
Oseney and
the Wyke
were held
of Oxford
* leaf 18.
town, at a
quit-rent of
13s. 4d.

[NOTE.—Two things, widely apart in time, are to be distinguished in this memorandum. First, is the conveyance (reason not stated) of Medley to Oseney by Oxford town in 1147, the quit-rent (no. 69) being 6s. 8d. Afterwards, this quit-rent was doubled (no. 70), on fresh warranty being given. A sufficient reason for this warranty is found in the claim made for possession of Medley by St. Frideswyde's priory (Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, i. 36-8), which the town staved off (1191) by agreeing to pay 8s. yearly to the priory. In 1209 happened the 'suspensio clericorum,' for which the town was laid under interdict. In 1214, the town submitted and agreed to pay a sum yearly to the University through St. Frideswyde's and Oseney; changed in 1219, to through Einsham. The assignment of the 13s. 4d. quit-rent to St. Frideswyde's by the town is no doubt part of the 1214 arrangements. Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 330, wrongly dates the affray in 1144, to make it coincident with the original conveyance of the island.]

[69.] Mydley: of the gyfte of the Citizens of Oxford. 1147.

BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ of holy church both present
and to be that we, Citesyns of oxonforde, of þe commune of þe
20 Cite and þe yelde of marchautes, for þe stabulnese of all þe

Grant to
Oseney,
by Oxford
town,

¹ Read 'to the same afore-named
chanons the ferme': 'condonavi canonicis
prenominatis firmam.'

² Added from the Latin.
³ i. e. by them: 'ab eisdem.'

of Medley
island,

quit-rent
6s. 8d.

[Offering
upon the
altar.]

reame and state and welth of ouȝ Kyng ande quene and of here
Soones also and for ouȝ helth and of all ouȝ and for þe Sowles
of ouȝ fadurs and modurs and of ouȝ aunceturs, yefe and graunte,
in-to perpetuell almes, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marye 4
of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, ouȝ Ile þe which
is i-callid Midley, with all thynges to hit perteynyng In londres
& medes and in pastures, with all þe same liberteis and customs
þe which þere ouȝ aunceturs had with ffre grauntyng of Kynges, 8
and we after them, so napeles that euery zere þe same chanons
pay dñ. a marke of Siluer for that same tenure or holde¹ where
we shałl commaunde. This yevyng and grauntyng we haue
i-maade with þe commune assent in portemannes², and this we 12
made in þe chapiter of Oseney Afore þe chanons of þe same
place, and In þe presence of William Chenet ouȝ Aldirmañ,
and³ by hym and afterwarde with hym vppon þe Auter with
texte we offerid hit. Of this gifte and graunte Witnisse 16
Edwarde⁴ Abbot of Thame: pese witnesses, ī.

About
1192.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Oxford
town,

of Medley,
as in no. 69.

but with
6s. 8d.
added to
the quit-
rent be-
cause of
warranty
now given.

[70.] BE hit i-knowe bothe to men that be now and to be
þat we, Citisens of Oxonford, of þe commune of þe Cite and
of þe Marchaundis yelde, for ouȝ helth and of ouȝ and for 20
þe Sowles of ouȝ kennesfolkes and of ouȝ aunceturs, graunte,
and with ouȝ present charter conferme, to þe Church of Seynte
marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe yifte
þe which ouȝ aunceturs maade to þem of þe Ile of Midley with 24
his pertinences, so that Euery yere at þe fest of Seynte Mighell
þe same chanons paye dñ. j. marke for þis tenure where we shałl
commaunde þem, as witnesseth þe charter of ouȝ aunceturs þat
þey maade to þem of þe yifte of þe same Ile. fforþermore, for- 28
asmoche as we haue i-take in ouȝ hande, for vs and for ouȝ
heyres, to warantize þe forsaide Ile to þe same chanons in
Euerych place and to all men, þey for this warantizynge shałl
paye to vs and to ouȝ heyres Euery zere at Estur a-noper 32
dñ. marke, þe which þey shałl take⁶ to whome we wille bidde;
and we and ouȝ heyres feyghtfully shałl warantize to þem þe

¹ 'or holde' is an alternative rendering
of 'tenura.'

² 'portmannot.'

³ 'et per eum et postea cum ipso super
altare cum textu obtulimus.' Does 'cum

textu' refer to the oath on the gospels, as
in nos. 154, 219?

⁴ Should be Everard.

⁵ 'et versus omnes homines.'

⁶ 'tradent.'

forsaide tenement by þe seruice of þe forsaide marke yerly for all thynges and all seruices. This ouȝt grauntyng and confirmacion we haue i-made with þe commune counsell of þe Cite, and with þe communall Seele haue i-confermed hit. And þese ben þey þe which þis grauntyng and confermyng haue i-made Nigeſt that tyme Deene of Oxonforde, John Kepeherme and Henry fift Sigrim þen Aldirmañ, laurence Kepeherme and thomas of tadmarton, þen pretores or pletoures¹, petur fift Geffrey, and other², and all þe commune of þe Citisyns of þe Cite of oxonford.

[71.] HENRY, Kyng of Inglonde, Duke of Normandy and
 12 of Gien, and Erle of Aungie, to Robert³, Bisshoppe * of lincoln, and to þe Barons of oxonfordeshire and to þe Citisyns of oxonforde helth. Knowe 3e me to haue i-grauntid, and to haue i-confermed, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marye of Osney and to pabbot and Couent þere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne, þat 3ifte þe which þe Citisyns of Oxonforde haue i-maade to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god [of] þe Ile⁴ þe which is i-callid
 20 Midleye, so þat Euery 3ere þe forsaide chanons paye dñ. a marke of Siluer for þat tenure where þe same Citisyns wiffe commaunde, as þe charter of þe forsaide Citisyns witnesseth. Wherefore I wil and⁵ Surely commaunde or charge þat þe
 24 chanons holde well and In peece, and frely and worschipfully, nowe þe saide Ile⁶, as Euery⁷ oony mañ hit best or worschipfulliste helde. Witnesses Thomas⁸ owr chaunceler, Richard of Hum, Gocell. of⁹ Bayff. : at Sausburye.

About 1155.
 * leaf 18, back.
 Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry II, of no. 69.

[XII.] WALTON.

28 [72.] HIT is to be membrid that pabbot of Oseney hath in
 Walton Diuerse londes and tenementes perteynyng to þe Chapeil
 of Seynte George, as hit is i-schewed above in þe titte of

Reference to

¹ Latin is simply 'tunc pretores.'

² Latin is 'etc.'

³ Robert de Chesney, bp. of Linc. 1148-

⁴ 'de insula.' [66.

⁵ 'et firmiter precipio'; 'or charge' is an

alternative rendering.

⁶ 'iamdictam insulam.'

⁷ Read 'ever'; 'unquam.'

⁸ Thomas Becket, chancellor 1154-62.

⁹ Joscelyne de Bailol.

nos. 2. 'pe fundacion of pe saide chapell of Seynte George' and
and 21. in pe title 'How pe church of Seynte George was i-geve to vs.'

1192. [73.] [Controversy] betwene Osney & Godstowe.

Contro-
versy
between
Osney and
Godstow,

about tithes
and parish
dues in
north
suburb of
Oxford,

ended by
Osney
conceding
them to
Godstow,

and God-
stow
promising
to offer
yearly
2 wax-
candles at
Osney as
homage.

To all pe soones of our holy modur pe church to pe which
this present writyng shall come, W. and W. of Cumbe and⁴
of Thame Abbotes, helth in our lorde Euerlastyng. Knowe
ge all pat whenne, bitwene pabbot and chanons of Osney ande
thabbesse and Minchon of Godestow, was i-stered¹ a con-
trouersie or strife, vppon pe tithis of men of pe forsaide chanons⁸
and Walton and parissshens and tithis of xx^{ti} acris, pe chanons
saying pe same parissshens and tithis to longe to pe church
of Seynte George (pe which is pere owne) of olde ryght, and pe
Minchon affermyng pe same parissshens and tithis to longe¹²
to pe church of Seynte Gile (pe which pey haue) of ryght:
at pe laste, this maner Ende² that controuersie or stryfe
fortunyed to take. Truly pabbot and Couent or chanons of
Osney, for pe love of god and of pe forsaide Mynchons religion¹⁶
sake, grauntid to pem in-to perpetuell almes all pe forsaide
parissshens And tithis, of them for Euer to be holde, payng
perof 3erely ij. Serges³ of iij. li. of waxe, pe which (semely
made or ditzth⁴) vppon pe Auter of Seynte Marye of Osney in²⁰
pe vigile of pe Assumpcion of her afore Euensonge pey ofte
to Offer. for this cawse we, to pe which our lorde pope Cele-
stine pe iij. this cause committid to be herde and (apell i-put
away) with dewe Ende to be termined, pis forsaide composicion,²⁴
By p³ Autorite i-geve to vs by pe pope, conferme hit and [by]
pe puttyng to of owr Seeles we make hit Sure: The which also
to more Surete, with pe seele of Bothe Chapiters Is i-strengthid.
This composicion was i-maade pe 3ere fro pe Incarnacion of owr²⁸
lorde anno M¹ anno⁵ C. iiij.^{xx.} xij.

¹ 'controversia verteretur': 'or strife,'
as usual, is an alternative rendering of the
Latinism.

² 'huiusmodi finem controversia ipsa

sortita est.'

³ 'duos cereos.'

⁴ 'quos (decenter paratos).'

⁵ Dittography in MS.

[XIII. ETON.]

[74.] HIT¹ is to be Mynded² þat we haue the towne of Eton of þe gifte of Robert Doylly þe soone of Nigell Doylly, with þe pertinences; and of þe confirmacion of Henry his soone, And of Kyng Henry þe first, and of Alixaunder Bisshop of lincoln, and of pope Eugeny þe iij., as hit is aboue in þe title of 'þe fundacion of Oseneye.'

Reference
to nos.
12,
16,
13, 14,
18.

[75.] In þe Baylifhoode of Eton² ben i-conteyned þese vndur-write:—Eton, Carsinton³, Woodeton, þe Mill of Hulc, Cudeslawe, ffrees, Hanborowgh, and Worton.

Water-
caton on
Cherwell.

[76.] [Controversy] betwene Osney & fryswys.

122⁴,
Jan. 19.

Be hit⁴ i-knowe to all men that when, bitwene Sire Richard Abbot and Couent of Osney of þe oon⁵ partie and Sir Symon prior and couent^{*} of Seynte frideswith of þe oper partie, was isterede a controuersie [vpon⁶ þe tithis] of þe Mille[s] of þe same chanons of Seynt frideswith, þe which Robert Hulc helde in þe towne of Watereton; and vpon⁶ þe tithis of heye of þe mede to þe same Milles perteynyng; and vpon⁶ tithis of fisshyng perteynyng to þe same milles, whenne þe Article vpon⁶ þe same mille[s] and tithis in þe composicion i-begunne bytwene parties vpon⁶ þe tithis and oper thynges abode vndetermined: at þe last, þey consentid with oone wille vpon⁶ Maister Roger Cauntelow and mayster N. of þe Woode that by þem þe question shuld⁷ be determined: so, at þe last, strife and controuersie afore þen⁸ i-mevid⁹ in this maner frendely hit restid¹⁰, that is to say, þat þe saide chanons of Seynte frideswith [in the name of tithes of the church of Cudelinton] shall paye for þe saide tithes to þe chanons of Osney [ii. s.] zerey at þe ffest of Seynte Mizghelt; and if hit hap that þe saide chanons of Seynte frideswith þe saide Milles to⁶ oony oper take, þen⁸ þei which take þe

* leaf 19.
Agreement
between
Osney and
St. Frides-
wyde's, as
to tithe of
Hulk mills,

a point left
unsettled
in no. 54,

that at any
time dur-
ing which
the priory
has the
mills in
hand²⁸.
yearly shall
be paid to
Osney in
commuta-
tion of
tithe,

¹ All the property, up to this point, had been 'in the bailiffship of Osney.'

² Nos. 74 and 75 are enclosed by a bracket, and noted 'Eton.'

³ i. e. Cassington.

⁴ Latin text of the St. Frideswyde's deed is given in Wigram's *Cart. S. Frid.*, ii. 211.

⁵ Added from the Latin.

⁶ An excellent place for the double meaning of *take* = (i) to give, (ii) to take. The Latin is: 'Si . . . canonici . . . molendina aliis quibuscunque tradiderint, tunc qui receperint illa molendina . . . solvant,' etc.

but when
the mills
are farmed
out the ten-
ant shall
pay tithe
to Oseney
in the
usual way.

St. Frides-
wyde's
servants in
the mills to
pay parish
dues to
Kidlington.

Milles, while pey holde þe[m] [shall pay] þe tithe[s] of þe for-
saide Milles mede and ffisshyng to þe saide chanons of Oseney
(þe chanons of Seynte ffrideswith in þe mene-while fro þe
3evyng of þe saide ij. 8. Delivered¹); but if þe same Milles with 4
þe pertinences pey take agayne, lete¹ renne þen þe payng of
ij. 8. as afore, so þat no more, in þe name of tithis, of þe[m] al so
longe as pey holde þe[m] in þere handes may be axid². The
chanons of Seynte ffrideswith haue i-grauntid³ also þat þere 8
seruantes in þe forsaide Milles parisshe rygðtes to þe church of
Cudelyngton þertey[ny]ng (in þe parisshe of þe which þe Saide
Milles ben i-sette) doo, as pey haue i-woned⁴ and ofte⁵. Þese
thynges were i-actid att Seynte ffrideswith afore þe saide Masters 12
R. and N. þe daye⁶ of Wode[n] nexte afore þe feste of Seynte
Vincete þe 3ere of þe Incarnacion of owr lorde anno M¹ CC xxvij.
In-to þe strenght and wnesse of þe which thyng þe forsaide
parties, to-gedu[r] with þe Seeles of þe saide masters, to þis 16
present wrytyng put to þere seeles. Þese witnesses, &c⁷.

1221,

[77.] A charter¹ of þe prior of Seynt ffrideswith and
of þe chanons of þe same place of þe sute of Eton.

(Grant to
Oseney, by
St. Frides-
wyde's that
Oseney de-
mesne-land
and tenants
shall be
free
from suit,
and from
multure-
fines, to
Hule mills,

and that if
Oseney or
Oseney
tenants

To all cristen me[n] to þe which þis present wrytyng shaft
come Symon þe saide prior of Seynte ffrideswith and þe Couent
of þe same place helth in owr lorde. Knowe 3e all vs to haue 20
quyte-claymed² and vturly to haue relesed³ to pabbot and Couent
of Oseney þe Sute of þere me[n] in Eton and Cudeslawe, now
beyng and to come, þe which Sute pey had i-woned⁴ to doo
of Olde to owr Mylle that Is i-callid Hulces Mylle, or⁵ of grace 24
or of Dewte, noþer⁶ neuer by þe olde chalenge getyng of custom
comyng in þere gryndyng shaft chalenge, noþer of þe Demayne
of þe forsaide Abbot And Couent, and what-so-Euer of rygðt
we haue in þe forsaide gryndyng of þe[m] or of þere aforsayde 28
me[n] we relese hit for Euer, with-oute reclaymyng; And if
in oony tyme hit will please to þe forsaide Abbot and chanon[s]

¹ 'Curat præfata solutio dictorum ii. s. sicut prius.'

² 'Debuerunt.'

³ 'die Mercurii.'

⁴ Wigram, ii. 209-10, has Latin text both of the Oseney grant by abbot Clement

(died this year, 1221), and of this St. Frideswyde's grant by prior Simon.

⁵ 'siue ex gratia siue ex debito.'

⁶ 'nec unquam, obtentu antique consuetudinis, aliquid in eorum molitura vendicabimus.'

or Couent of Oseney¹ the maynye of here owne Courte of Etoñ, or þere meñ, for cawse of gryndyng, to ouȝ Mille Come, of no Sute Dewte, by such maner, we shaft axe or chalenge of þe
 4 forsaide maynye or meñ. And for this renuncyng and quite-
 claymyng, þe forsaide Abbot and Couent of Osney remittynge to
 vs ij. s. þe which we paide to þem ȝerely for certeyne tithis in
 El[s]efelde of oolde, þe forsaide Abbot and Couent shaft paye to
 8 vs ȝerely halfe a marke of Siluer in þe ffest of Seynte Myȝheñ.
 And þese thynges of Both parties beth feythfully and spedely to
 be kepide we haue Surely behestid², with-oute Gile or Cauilla-
 cion. And that this Couenaunt betwene vs i-begunne abide
 12 sure and vnbroke, with þe surete of this present wrytyng and
 by puttyng to of owre seele we haue i-strenghtid hit. Þese
 witnesses,³ p.

choose to have corn ground there, their doing so will not be made a pretext to revive the claims; Oseney sur-rendering 2s. tithe-rent-charge in Elsfield and agreeing to pay 6s. 8d. yearly.

[78.] A composition bitwene vs and þe Howse of 1222,
 Enesham of þe Demayne of amise in Karsyntoñ⁴ &
 ffishyng in Wodetoñ. June 21.

To all chiddren of ouȝ holy modur þe church to þe which
 16 this present wrytyng shaft coome, of Euesham & * Wyncchecumbe
 Abbotes and prior of Euesham helth in ouȝ lorde. Knowe ȝe
 all þe contrauersye þe which was i-stered afore vs, by þe
 auctorite of ouȝ lorde pope, bytwene thabbot and Couent of
 20 Eynynsham of þe oone party, and thabbot and Couent of Osney
 of þe oper partie, vppoñ⁵ two sheves of tithis of þe Demayne
 of Amise of Wodestoke in Carsintoñ, and vppoñ a summe of
 moneye ȝerely for þe ffishyng of Woodetoñ, with þe arerages of
 24 iiij. yere of þe same, by a frendely composicion in this maner
 hit restid: that is to say, that þe saide Abbot and Couent of
 Eynynsham with goode wille relesed to þe saide Abbot & Couent
 of Osney iiij. s. iiij. d. of vj. s. iiij. d. þe which þey axed of þem
 28 in þe name of þe ffishyng of Woodetoñ, þe which ffishyng þey
 grauntid to þe same chanons of Osney (that is to say, all þe
 parte of þere water of Woodetoñ, with þe ffishyng, fro þat place

* leaf 19, back. Oseney and Einsham being at variance about certain tithe in Cassington, and arrears of rent of a fishery at Wood-eaton, Einsham accepted payment of 2s. in lieu of the arrears, and leased the fishery-rights to

¹ Insert 'that.' The Latin is: 'Si . . . placuerit . . . conuentui Oseneie familiam proprie curie . . . siue homines suos . . . accedere, nullius secte debitum, huiusmodi occasione, exigemus.'

² 'promissinus.'

³ Vivian, son of Ralph, sheriff of Oxford: which was 5-6 Henry III, 1220-2.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Kersynton and Wodeton.'

⁵ i. e., two-thirds of the tithe: see no. 21.

Oseney for 2s. yearly quit-rent, which Oseney paid by surrendering to Einsham a tithe-rent-charge of 2s. in Worton (no. 91). Einsham granted Oseney a 6 ft. strip along Cherwell to make a dam, on condition that Einsham meadow shall suffer no harm.

Oseney granted Einsham a perpetual lease of Oseney tithes in Cassington for 6s. yearly. Penalty of £2 on the breaker of this agreement.

where þe water begynneth to be here¹ towarde yhtesleye vnto þat place where² in oolde tyme was a locke or goter, to an scluse to be maade, or locke if þey wiþ, or to oper necessarye vses to þeīm) to be holde for ij. 3. 3erely for aīl exaccion for 4 Eueŕ, for þe paying of þe which ij. 3. yerly þe saide chanons forȝafe to þe saide Abbot and Couent of Eignysham ij. 3. 3erely þe which þey paied yerely to þe saide chanons for tithis of Worthon. They grauntid also to þe forsaide Abbot and chanon3 8 a Brynke³ by þe water, in lenght⁴ of vj. fote, fro þe locke or goter vnto þe Arale londe, þe which Brynke (if þey make þere a goter or locke), or⁵ wiþ arere vp An scluse of here londe and wiþ kepe hit in aīl tyme, þey shaft so kepe hit, so (þat is to 12 say) that by noo goyng ouer of water or oony oper withstandyng (while þe saide chanons make hit) to þe mede of þe saide Munkes maye harme come; And if by-cawse⁶ þere come hyn-deryng⁷ þerof, þe saide chanon3, withoute differryng⁸ or occasion, 16 competently shaft Amende hit. And þe forsaide chanon3 haue i-grauntid to þe forsaide Abbot and Munkes þe saide tithis of Carsynton, to be holde of them for euer to fferme, for vj. 3. of sterlynges 3erely at two termes to be i-paied, þat is to saye, at 20 þe ffest of Myȝghelmasse iij. 3. and at Estuŕ iij. 3. and if oony of þe saide parties agaynste þe saide composicion be come, to þe opere partye he shaft paye þe peyne of xl. 3. and that this composicion be Sure and stable for Eueŕ, hit with ouŕ Seeles, to- 24 geduŕ with þe seeles of þe parties, we haue i-strenghtid. These thynges were i-doo In þe vigile of Seynt Albon prothomartir of Inglonde in þe church of Seynte Marye Mawdeŕen of oxonforde, þe 3ere fro þe Incarnacion of ouŕ lorde, anno M¹CCxxij. These 28 witnysses, ȝ.

¹ i. e. theirs; 'sua.'

² 'ubi antiquitus gurgis fuit, ad faciendam ibi exclusam, vel gurgitem, si voluerint, vel ad alios usus sibi necessarios.'

³ 'ripam secus ipsam aquam.'

⁴ Read 'breadth.'

⁵ The translation here breaks down by neglecting the change from the subjunctive to the indicative. Read 'if they there shall make a lock or exclude, they must

raise that bank (ripa) with their own earth, and keep it always mounded up (elevatam), in such wise that no hurt shall happen to Einsham mead, by overflow of water (inundatio) or damming of the stream (obstaculum) caused by Oseney.'

⁶ 'si forte.'

⁷ i. e. harm: 'detrimentum.'

⁸ deferring: 'dilacione.'

[XIII.] CUDESLAWE AND FFREES¹.[79.] A Charter of Robert Doylly þe secunde, of Cudeslawe and ffrees. Professedly 1149?

BE hit i-knowe to all cristen men that I, Robert Doylly, wyllyng and consentyng Edithe my wife and my soones Henry and Gilbert, 3efe and graunt, in-to pure and perpetuel almes, i.
 4 Et Infra, 'thre hides of londe in Cudeslawe, with men, tithis, and oper pertinences; and þe Chapeil of ffrees, with þe mansioun and londe agaynste þe Chapeil towarde þe west, with ffedynges and pasturis and his oper pertinences,' &c². Seke this charter
 8 in þe title 'Howe þe church of Seynte George was i-3efe to þe chanons of Osney.'

Excerpt from the pretended grant to Osney by Robert Doyly II, of Frees chapel (belonging to St. George's church) as in no. 21.

[NOTE.—Nos. 79 and 80 bring us back into the circle of forgery and blunder. Frees (no. 79) was not a Doyly property at all, but belonged to the St. Valerie family. Roger of Ivri, who died before 1100, is made, in the title of no. 80, to confirm a grant by Robert Doyly II, who did not come into his estate till after 1115.]

[80.] A confirmacioun of Roger of Iuory of þe same.

'KNOWE þey that be present and to come pat * I, Roger of Iuory, for þe helth of our lorde Kyng and of all þe Reame and
 12 also for þe helth of my lorde Robert Doylly and of Aldithe his wife and þe helth of myne, haue i-grauntid and with my present charter haue i-confermed' as hit is i-write above in 'þe fundacion.' Also hit is to be notid that we haue confirmacion of
 16 Geffrey of Iuorye vppon þe same aforsaide, and many oper confirmacions of þe same also.

* leaf 20. Excerpt from no. 3, and reference to no. 22.

[81.] A charter i-yeve to Richard, Erle of Cornwayle, of þe commune In Erdynton. About 1245.

To all cristen men to þe which this present writyng shall come, frere John², By þe mercy of god Abbot of Osney, and
 20 þe Couent of þe same place, helth. Knowe 3e all that whenne lorde Richard Erle of Cornwayle had i-grauntid to vs a mese that Adam porter³ helde sumtyme with his pertinences at ffrees,

Undertaking by Osney, to accept a mesuage at Frees, without claiming

¹ The MS. draws triple attention to this section—by a marginal note 'Note Cudeslawe And ffrees,' by ink-markings in the heading, and by an elaborate sketch of a hand, opposite no. 80, pointing upwards. Wood's *Life and Times*, i. 217-8, describes Frice as a pasture-ground on the south

borders of Yarnnton and Kidlington parishes.

² John de Reading, abbot 1229-35, or John Leech, abbot 1235-49.

³ 'pontarius' in the Latin. Thomas of St. Valerie had bound Osney to keep up the causeway (calcia) at Frees. This Adam probably attended to that duty.

pasture-
rights in
Yarnton.

we bownde vs to þe same and to his heyres by our present writyng that, by-cawse of þe saide mese with þe pertynences, commune of pasture in his maner of Erdyngton we maye not axe. In-to witesse of þe which thynges we haue i-put to oure seele, *ī*. 4

About
1260.

[82.] A charter bitwene vs and Water of Croxforde of þe crofte of þe ffrees.

Grant by
Osney, to
Walter of
Croxford
and heirs,

of land at
Frees,

at quit-
rent of
6s. 8d.,

tenants to
pay all
burdens,

and not to
convey the
land to
others: re-
peated in
no. 106.

KNOWE all men that in this wise hit was a-Cordid bitwene Richard¹ Abbot of Osneye and þe Couent of þe same place of þe oone partie, and Water Croxforde of þe oper, that is to say, that þe seide Abbot and Couent lete² and toke, to þe saide 8 Water and to his heyres, a crofte, or þat telth, þe which is agaynste þe Chapell of ffrees of þe west partie, with Dichis, medis, and oper pertinences: to be holde and had, to þe forsaide Water and to his heyres, to perpetuell fee-ferme, 3eldyng perof 12 3erely to þe saide Abbot and Couent dñ. a marke at Osney, that is to say, in þe Daye of Seynte Myzgheff or a-fore xl. d. and in þe day of þe Annunciacion of owr lady Seynte marye or a-fore xl. d.; and þe same Water and his heyres shaft susteyne and 16 aquite all burdonȝ towchyng þe same crofte or telth with his owne costis; and hit shaft not be lawfull to þe saide Water and to his heyres þe saide crofte or telth to sell 3ese or bequeth to oony man or in oony wise to aliene. [And if] that he doo or 20 his heyres doo, hit shaft be lawfull to þe forsaide Abbot and Couent and to here successours þe saide crofte or telth to Entre and to haue for Euer, withoute Impediment or lett of þe saide Water or his heyres: and³ pat [this] dimission or lettyng and 24 of perpetuell farme takyng be sure and stable for Euer, [þe] parties to þis writyng in maner of A charter i-maade, Eueryche agaynste oper have i-put to pere seeles. These witnysses. *ī*.

[XV. HANBOROWGH.]

About
1140.

Grant to
Osney, by
queen-

[83.] A charter of quene Adelide of Hanborowgh.

ADELIDE⁴, By þe grace of god, quene of Inglonde, to Archie- 28
bishops Bishops and Abbotes Erlȝs Barons and Vicountes, and

¹ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-67.

² 'dimiserunt et tradiderunt.'

³ 'et ut h[a]ec dimissio et perpetue firme

tradicio.'

⁴ Adelida of Louvaine, second wife of Henry I (died 1135), died 1151.

to all true men of holy church helth. Knowe ye that I Adelide, Dowager Alice,
 Doughter of Godfray Duke of loreyne¹, þe which was wife of
 þe moste noble Kyng Henry of Inglonde and Duke of Nor-
 4 mandye, haue i-grauntid and i-geve to þe church of Seynt Marye
 in Oseneye, j. hide of lond þe which lieth at Hanborowgh and of a hide,
 longeth to Sauntoñ² my maner, for þe Remedye of þe Sowle of
 þe mooste noble Kyng Henry of Ingland my lorde and my
 8 helth and³ of kynnesfolkes of his and Myne and for þe Sowles
 of all cristen men dede. Wherefore I wil and praye þat weþ
 and in peece & worschipfully *þe forsaide lond þe forsaide * leaf 20,
 church holde, as my lorde Henry Kyng of Ingland euer best back.
 12 and moste honestly in his lordeship helde and aftur to me in þe
 same lordeship safe and grauntid to me, that is to say, in woode
 and In playne, In medes and ffedynges, in waters weyes and In
 patthis, and in all oper places, with sock and sack, tol and
 16 team, and Infangenthef, and all oper customes and fredoms, as
 I held hit best while hit was in my lordeship. Witnesse:
 Symon, Bisshop of Wircetur, ꝑ.

[84.] A⁴ confirmacion of Moolde themperice of þe Same Reference
 20 after þe forme of quene Adelide; and so after, a confirmacion to no. 61,
 of Kyng Henry, and a-noper of Kyng John, worde by worde in &c.
 substaunce. This charter and tweyne afore been fully write
 above in þe title of 'Aldewere.'

[85.] A confirmacion of Kyng Henry⁵ iiij. þe soone 1231,
 of Kyng John of þe same and of oper thynges. July 14.

24 HENRY, By þe grace of god Kyng of Inglonde lorde of Ireland Confirmation
 Duke of Normandy and of Gyeñ and Erle of Aungie, to Archie- to
 bisshops Bisshops Abbotes Priores Erles Barons Justices Vicountes Oseney,
 Prouestes Mynsters and to all Baylyfs and his true men helth. by Henry
 28 Knowe 3e vs, for god sake and for þe helth of our sowle and of III,
 þe sowles of our aunceturs and heyres, to haue i-zelded, haue
 i-grauntid, and with this our charter haue i-confermed, for vs
 and owre heyres, to thabbot and Couent of Seynte Marye of
 32 Oseney and to here successours, in-to ffre almes pure and per-

¹ 'Lotharingie.'² 'Stanton' in the Latin, i. e. Stan-
ton Harcourt.³ 'et parentum suorum et meorum.'⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota.'⁵ i. e. Henry III: see note 5, p. 36.

of queen
Alice's gift
(no. 83);

and of ex-
changes of
18s. and
6s. rent-
charges in
Bensington
for lands in
Holcombe
and War-
borough.

petueff, þe yifte and graunte þe which Adelide or Alice sumtyme
quene of Inglonde maade, to god and to þe church of Seynte
Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, [of] j.
hide of londe þe which heth at Hanborowgh¹ By the Brygge of 4
Bladoñ. we haue i-ʒelde also, and haue i-grauntid, and with
this owr charter confermyd, for vs and owr heyres, to þe forsaide
Abbot and Couent and to here successours, in-to ffre pure and
perpetueff almes, þe londe of Holcumb¹ þe which Geffrey of 8
Luory² assined to them for xvij. ʒ. þe which þey oftyd ʒerely to
haue in Hensyntoñ³, with þe londe of Wareborowgh¹ þe which
þe same Geffrey assyned to þem for vj. ʒ. Wherefore we will
and surely charge þat þe forsaide chanons and þere successours 12
haue and holde, in-to free pure and perpetueff almys, þe for-
saide hide of londe þe which lieth at Hanborowgh, and þe
forsaide londe of Holcumb, with þe forsaide londe of Ware-
borowgh, weff and in pece, frely and quietly and holy, as þe 16
charter of þe forsaide Geffrey and þe confirmacion of Kyng
Henry owr Beelesire, þe which þey haue þerof, resonably wit-
nessed. These witnesses, ʒ.

1248,
Nov. 7.

[86.] **A Jugement i-made afore þe Justices of owr lorde
Kyng Henry⁴ þe sone of Kyng John of þe londe of
Hanborowgh.**

HIT is to be Remembrid that in þe ʒere of Kyng Henry þe 20
soonð of Kyng John xxxij., þe next saturday afore þe fest of
Seynt Martyn, afore Jeremye Kacstoñ, Henry of Bretoñ⁵, and
Henry de la Mare, Justices sittynge in þe stede of owre lord þe
Kyng, Hit was I-Jugged for pabbot of Osneye of A plowe of 24
londe with þe pertinences In Hanborowgh;

vppon þe which owre lorde Kyng impletid hym in his courte
by breve 'precipe,' of þe which such was þe tenour, Henry By
the grace of god Kyng of Inglonde, ʒ. to þe schereref of oxon- 28
forde-shire he[1]th. Commaunde thabbot of Oseney that he ʒelde
to vs a plowe of londe with þe pertinences In Hanborowgh,
and⁶ but he do, sumne hym by a goode sumnyng that he be
afore vs fro þe day of Seynt Myʒheiff in-to þe xv. Dayes to 32

Henry III
having
claimed for
the Crown
the hide (in
no. 83),

¹ Name noted in the margin.

² In error for 'Luoy.'

³ In error for 'Bensington.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Henry 3.'

⁵ Bretton (or Bracton).

⁶ 'et nisi fecerit, summone eum.'

schewe whye he schall not Doo hit; and haue þu þis brefe.

* Myne owne selfe witnessse, ꝛ.

* leaf 21.

that þe same Abbot, By þe charter of Adelide or Alis sum-
 4 tyme quene of Inglonde, and By þe charter of Moolde themperice,
 and By confirmacion of Kyng Henry, and by confirmacion of
 Kyng John, And By charter of Kyng Henry nowe reynnyng (by
 the which þe same Kyng to þabbot and chanon̄s of Oseney þe
 8 same londe with þe pertinences ȝeldyng¹ as his ryȝht) full
 ryȝht hath in þe same, & hath and holdeth in-to ffree and
 perpetuefl almes, after þe tenour of þe charters aforesaide, as²
 hit is in þe sesynnyng; and that Adam Berners, chanon̄, attor-
 12 neye of þe same Abbot, yed³ with-owte daye. These þynges
 were i-doo of passent of owr lorde Kyng selfe, of þe counsell of
 his counsellors þeñ beyng present with owr lorde Kyng, that
 is to say, John Maunsefl; Robert passefl; Raph flȝt Nichol; ;
 16 Bertram of Orreñ; Peter chaceporter, Kynges tresorer; Edward
 of Westmynster, chaunceler of þe Checur; And hit is to be
 i-Mynded that owr lorde Kyng apered⁴ by his attorneye, laurence
 of Beoc⁵, to here þe Juggement, þe which also abode In þe
 20 mercy of Kyng.

Oseney pro-
 duced its
 title-deeds
 (nos. 83,
 61, &c.)

and the
 confirma-
 tion (no.
 85),

and was
 confirmed
 in posses-
 sion.

[87.] A charter agaynste John of Hanbrowgh and
 William of Seynte Eweyne of þe Shepewse.

About
 1240.

Be hit i-knowe to all men that whenne, bytwene John of
 Hanbrowgh and William of Seynte Eweyne of þe oon¹ partie,
 and John⁴ Abbot and Couent of Oseney of þe oper² partie, was
 24 i-moved a controuersye vpon a Shepewse of þe same chanon̄s
 at Hanbrowgh (þe which³ þe same [John] saide hit leuyed³ to
 nothyng of his ffree tenement), and vpon ouercharyng of
 pasture in þe same towne: at þe laste, by counsell of worthy
 28 men, all þe strifes i-moved restid in-to this maner,

Contro-
 versy be-
 tween
 Oseney,
 and two
 inhabitants
 of Hand-
 borough,
 about a
 sheep-
 house, and
 pasture-
 rights,

that is to say, þat þe forsaide John all his quareñ, that he
 had, or myȝht haue, by þe occasion of þe saide shepewse, to
 þe saide chanon̄s, for hym and his heyres for Euer, remittynge⁶

¹ Read 'yelded': 'reddidit.'

² 'sicut est in seisinā.'

³ 'Broc.'

⁴ Probably John Leche, abbot 1235-49.

⁵ 'quam dicebat idem Iohannes levatam

[esse] ad nocumentum liberi tenementi sui.'

⁶ Read 'remitted,' 'remisit': 'or re-
 leased' is the translator's usual alternative
 addition.

ended by
Oseney
giving half-
an-acre in
exchange
for land
beside the
sheep-
house ;

undertak-
ing not to
send an
excessive
number of
beasts to
common
pasture ;
and paying
13s. 4d.,
and 6s. 8d.

or releseid by a chaunge¹ i-maade Bytwene parties, þat is to say, that þe said Abbot and Couent, for a Butte² of londe of þe same John by þe which þe seide Sherehowse whas i-sett, þey ȝafe to hym and to his heyres, in-to a perpetuefl Escaunge, dj. acre, 4 that is to say, In telth þe which is i-callid longelonde by a noþer dj. Acre of þe same chanon̄s.

The forsaide also John and William þe accion vppoñ þe ouer-chargyng vppoñ þe pasture i-moved releseid, so (that is to say) 8 þat þe saide Abbot and Couent to þe saide John & William grauntid that [they³] þe pasture of þe felde of Haneborowgh agaynste þe lawe shaft not ouer-charge hit, so þat napeles þe same chanon̄s haue free goyng⁴ away to here commune pastures 12 owtewarde to all here bestes and Bestialles withoute lett of John and William and þere heyres ; and for this graunte, Eschaunge, and relese, þey ȝafe to þe saide John j. Marke and to þe saide William dj. marke. In-to witnyssse of þe which thyng to this 16 present writyng þey put to þere seeles : These wittenesses, i.

About
1270.

[88.] A charter of Willyam of Seynte Eweyē of þe londe in þe felde of Hanborowgh and of þe mede of Cumede.

Grant to
Oseney, by
William of
St. Ewen,

of land and
meadow,

* leaf 21,
back.

KNOWE they that be now and to be that I William of Seynte Eweyne, soone and heyȝr of William of Seynte Eweyē, ȝafe, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to god and 20 to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to William Abbot and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god and for Euer to serue, that telth in þe ffelde of Hanborowgh þe which is i-callid þe Breche, with hayis and his oþer pertinences, and a Mede þe which is i- 24 callid Cumede, with þe pertinences, * þe which Water of New fforest sumtyme helde ; and vj. acris in le Brech, with hayis and his oþer pertinences, þe which liē by þe londe of [Adam] de la Dunhalle of þe Est partie ; and þat telth In þe Prech ; with 28 hayes and his oþer pertinences, þe which lieth by Hugh of Blowende of þe weste partie In þe same ffelde : to be had and to be holde, to þe forsaide church and Chanon̄s, of me and of my heyres, In-to ffre and perpetuefl almes, al so much as longeth 32

¹ i. e. exchange : 'per escambium.'

² MS. has 'for A But a Butte.'

³ i. e. (the Abbot & convent) 'contra egem terre non super(h)onerabunt.'

⁴ 'accessum et regressum ad communes pasturas suas extrinsecas ad omnia averia sua et pecora.'

- to me and to my heyres, zeldyng perof zerey for me and my heyres to be heyres of Water of Newe florest xj. s. iij. d. (that is to say, at þe ffest of Seynte Myzheff v. s. and at þe ffest of
 4 Seynte John þe Baptiste vj. s. iij. d.) for all thyng þe which of þat londe or for þat londe may¹ or shall mowe to be axid for Euer. And I William and my heyres or myne assines all þe forsaide thynges to be forsaide church and Chanons agaynste all
 8 cristen meñ and Juys as our pure almes shall warantize, & of all maner Sutes of Courte and floreyne seruice shall aquite and defende, outetake þe xj. s. iij. d. þe which þe saide chanons shall aquite as hit is afore i-saide. And þat this my yifte, graunte,
 12 and of my charter confirmacion, be sure and stable for Euer, to this wrytyng I haue i-put my seele. These witnesse, ƿ.

subject to
 11s. 3d.
 quit-rent
 to the chief
 lords.

[Warranty
 against
 Jews.]

[XVI.] WORTON.

- [89.] Thabbot of Osney hath þe londe of Worton of þe yifte of Robert Doylly; and confirmacion of Roger of Iuorye,
 16 and of Henry Doylly, and of Bisshops, and of þe chapter² of lincoln, and of Kynges of Inglonde, as hit is i-schewed In þe title 'How þe church of Seynte George was i-gefe to þe chanons of Osney.'

Reference
 to nos. 2,
 21, 3, 23,
 &c.

- [90.] Bourton³. The Booke of ffeyss seyeth þat thabbot of Osney holdeth ij. hides of londe and dñ. in Borton in-to ffre almes of þe prebende of Seynte George.

Worton:
 see in
 no. 21.

- 20 [91.] B. by þe Grace of god Bisshop of⁴ lincoln or of Exceter and John⁴ Deen of Chichester to all cristen meñ helth. Knowe 3e all a stryfe (þe which was longe i-stered bytwene thabbot of Eynesham and N. clerke of Karsynton and thabbot

About
 1170.
 Agreement
 between
 Osney, and
 Einsham,

¹ 'exigi potest vel poterit.'

² MS. repeats 'of the chapter.'

³ 'Bourton' must be in error for 'Worton,' where Osney held 2½ hides. Osney had land at (Black-)bourton, but not of that extent, nor would it come in this *titulus*.

⁴ 'of Lincoln or' is inserted by the

translator and 'I.' expanded to John, without warrant of the Latin. The names are Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter 1161-84; and Jordan de Meleburn, dean of Chichester up to 1178. The first of the witnesses is Simon, abbot of St. Alban's 1166-88.

about
tithes in
Worton,

Einsham
taking a
perpetual
lease of the
tithes at
quit-rent
of 2s. (see
no. 78).

of Oseney vppon tithis of j. hide of londe in Worton þe¹ which is i-sayde to be þe lordship of þe same litufl towne) In this maner in owr² presence, be transaction, to be decidid: that þe church of Eynesham þe forsaide tithis shaft holde for Euer, 4 þerof 3eldyng euery 3ere to þe church of Oseney ij. 3. at þe ffest of Seynte My3ghell. So truly, afore vs [the which] (of owr² lorde þe pope commaundement) that cawse to be i-know and i-terminated hade i-hāke² hit, ffeyth of eyþer parte i-ply3ght betwē þe m: 8 at Newberye hit was i-doo.

1259,
Nov. 26.

[92.] An Inquisicion i-maade in þe hundrede of Wotton
of þe ffreedomes or liberteyes of þe same.

On inquisi-
tion,

whether
Oseney and
its tenants
(in Worton
and Hens-
ington)
owed suit
to Wootton
hundred,
Oseney pro-
duced nos.
13 and 31

* leaf 22.

establish-
ing exemp-
tion.

HIT is to be remembrid that, when þer was i-maade an In-
quisicion In þe full hundrede of Wotton by þe commaundement
of owr² lorde Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John þe 3ere of his 12
reyne xliiij., in þe full hundred of Wotton, Weþer pabbot of
Oseney and his men of Worton and Hensynton oftid² or were
i-wonyd to do sute to þe forsaide hundred, ffrere William Sutton,
procuratour of Oseney, schewed charters of lordis Kynges of 16
Inglonde of liberteis or ffreedomes, that is to say, a charter of
Kyng Henry þe j., and A charter of Kyng Henry þe Sone of
Kyng John, In þe which openly was i-conteyned that thabbot
of Oseney and his men of Worton and of Hensynton be quite 20
of Schires, Hundredis, Danyzeldes, all maner Sutes, commune
pleys, (with Sock sack * tol and theam and Infangenthefe), and
of all maner exaccions and Demaundis, outetake murthu² i-
preued. The which also i-rede and i-vndurstande, þe hundrede 24
with oone assent and consent Juggid þe saide Abbot and all his
men of Worton and of Hensynton of all maner of Sutes of þe
hundrede of Wotton to be quite for Euer. And in-to witnesse
of this thyng Robert Kyngton, þe m Baylyfe of þe hundrede of 28
Wotton, and Sir Gilbert of Hide, Kny3ght, and Robert Romely,
and Aleyne Romely þe yongur, and Robert of Worton⁴, and

¹ 'qu[a]e dominium eiusdem villule esse perhibetur.'

² So in MS. The Latin shows 'h' ought to be 't,' and the stroke over 'a' to be a bungled correction of the error: ead 'i-take.' 'Coram nobis, qui ex

domini pape mandato causam illam cognoscendam terminandamque suscepimus.'

³ Marginal note: 'Note þe ffreedomes of Worton and of Hensynton.'

⁴ Wotton, in the Latin.

William of litulft Bartoñ, clerke, and Petur of þe same, and Roger of Wodestoke, and John of Bartoñ, clerke, and John labauc, and Thomas of ffule¹ and Will., þe which at þe hundred⁴ were present whenne þe fore thynges were Inquired or axid and Juggid; to this writyng put to þere seeles þe day that is to say of Wodenysday afore þe fest of Seynte Andrew þe 3ere of þe reynie of Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John xliij[j]².

[93.] A confirmacion of Syr Hugh Plesettis of liberteyes and fredoms. 1300, June 8.

8 To all cristen men this present writyng to see or to here, Hugh of plesettis³, Knyȝth, helth in owre lorde. Knowe þe me to⁴ haue i-lokyd or seen þe charter þat which Robert Doylly maade to god and to seynte Marye and to þe chanon⁵ of Oseney, 12 conteynyng these wordis:—

Know all cristen men that I, Robert Doylly, grauntid and with my charter confermed, for me and my heyres, to god and to þe church of Seynte Mary of Oseney and to þe chanon⁵ þer 16 seruyng god and for Euer to serue, for my helth and of Edith my wife and my kynnesfolkes and of my ffrendes, in-to ffre pure and perpetuefl almes, all londes rentes tithis tenementes and possessions both of þe church and of þe layfee þe which þey 20 haue off my ȝifte and of þe ȝiftes of my men, and þe which of me or my heyres or my men they maye gete in tyme to be, in all [my] maners, with all fredom⁵ and free custom⁵ þe which I Euer had or oony of my aunceturs or in tyme to be maye gete 24 or oony of my heyres maye gete. I grauntid also to þe same chanon⁵ and to here successours, for me and my heyres, that þey haue þer courte for Euer ffre in all my maners⁶ of all þere men for all maner transgressions and Defautes where-so-Euer 28 and whenne-so-Euer and of what-Euer thyng þe[y] happe; And that þey and þere men be quite for Euer fro all maner sutes of

Recitation,
by Hugh of
Plessets,

of no. 39, i.e.
of Robert
Doyly II's
renuncia-
tion of
feudal
rights over
Oseney,

¹ 'Fulewelle': no 'and Will.' occurs in the Latin. Possibly the translator meant 'Fullandwell,' for 'Fulwell.'

² Marginal note: 'Henry 3.' The year is xliiv in the Latin, and above.

³ Hugh of Plessets succeeded (no. 260) in 1291 to the barony of Hooknorton (formerly of the Doyly family); was

summoned to Parliament as baron in Feb. 1300; died 1301.

⁴ 'inspexisse cartam.'

⁵ Marginal note: 'Note þe fredoms of þe founder.'

⁶ In the margin: 'Cudelynton' with underneath a carefully drawn hand pointing to it.

my courte and of my heyres, and of vywe [of] freplegges all¹ courte riall, and of þoo thynges that longe to vywe, and of all sutes of my Milles, and of all helpes tallages exaccions quarels and demandis; And [if] for fly3ght or felonye oony of þere meñ 4 ofte to lese his catañ, þey shall be of þe same chanons, withoute oony withholdyng to me or of my heyres; and if² þere tenautes of þe same chanons haue be i-founde or i-arested I graunte for me and my heyres to þe saide chanons and to þere successours 8 what-so-Euer thyng þere² mowe to fall for Euer; Also, if they or þere meñ be amerced agaynst me or my heyres or my baylyffes or my meñ, for oony maner cawse trespase or forfet, all þe mercynges and mercementes and all fynys and all profettes 12 and all owte-goynges of pleys þe which come forthē of them or of þere meñ shall be of þe same chanons, withoute oony withholdyng to me or to my heyres, wheþer hit be for a defawte or for oony oper cawse. I haue i-grauntid also to þe same chanons 16 and to þere successours that noþer I, noþer my eyres, noþer none In owre name, noþer of owr, maye hereafter axe of þe forsaide chanons or of her successours or of þere meñ any custom or seruice or bondage, noþer to put þere meñ in presoñ or in-to 20 bondys or in-to stocke for oony trespase or forfet, but with open thefte or manslaw3tter vppon * my demayne londis þey haue be take and attached. I wiff also and surely charge, for me and my heyres, þat þe forsayde chanons and þere successours 24 and þere meñ haue weff and in pece, In all my maners wodes and waters pondys and ffischynges, fre ffishyng and fre Entre and owte-goyng and pannage of þere hogges quyte (oute-take styvys and my parkes i-closid in): and [that] þey haue ffre 28 commune to þere shepe and hogges, and to all oper bestis In all my maners and in woodis, and [that] þey be not Imparkid or poynyd but þey be i-founde In open harme: that, if hit happe, by a wedde³ þey maye receyue þere bestes; and after, by þe vywe 32 of lawfull meñ, þe harme þat þere bestes haue i-doo, owte [of] my courte, þey may make to [be] emendid. To þese thynges I haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres, þat þey haue housboote

* leaf 22,
back.

¹ 'all' in error for 'or.' In no. 39, p. 43/15 the corresponding clause is 'and of lawday.' The court-leet represented the delegated jurisdiction of the king

exercised by the lord of the manor.

² Lines dropped out: cp. no. 39, p. 43/21, 22, 23, 24.

³ i. e. surety.

and heyboote and to be i-brendid resonably at þere granges in my woodys In þoo places where I haue woodys. Also I graunte, for me and my heyres for Euer, þat þe saide chanon̄s and þere
 4 successours may chese to þeṁ and ordeyne a prelate to þere wilf after þe decese of Euery prelate, with-oute lette of me or of my heyres: and þat þey may put, haue, and doo away, In all here granges, kepers suche as þey seme expedient to þeṁ and
 8 þere howse: and that this my gifte, graunte, and charter confirmacion, be stable and sure for Euer, to this writyng I haue i-put my seele. These witnesses: Geffrey arthor, Roger of Amery, ffulke of Oyly, Hugh of Tywe, Robert ffirst Widoṁ, philippe of
 12 Hampton, Raph ffirst Raph, Roger testarde, Roger of Amory, and oþer.

ffor þis¹, I, þe forsaide Hugh of plesettis, all þe giftis grauntes and confirmacions above i-write, as hit is above i-write, I-maade
 16 to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, hauyng² i-confermed and plesid, for me and my heyres, them to god, to þe church of Seynte marye of Oseney above-saide, and to þe chanon̄s In hit seruyng god,
 20 graunte, ande for Euer-more with this present writyng conferme. In-to witesse of this thyng this present writyng with my seeles pryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnysses: Henry thisteldene, that tyme shreve of Oxonforde; John of
 24 Elfesfelde³, Richard of Amory, John of prewes, Walter of Wyththuff, Knythtes; Symon of Grenehuff, þat tyme stywarde of Walyngforde; Roger of Bewbeche, Hugh of Barton, Henry of Dichele, and oþer. i-ȝefe and i-doo at Osney, þe Wodenysday
 28 nexte afore þe fest of seynte Barnabe thapostele, þe ȝere of ouȝ lord M¹CCC., and In the ȝere of þe regne of Kyng Edwarde þe soone of Kyng Henry xxviij.

and confirmation
of it.

[XVII. KIDLINGTON.]

[94.] Hit is to be myndid that pabbot of Osney hath
 32 þe church of Cudelynton of þe yifte of Robert Doylly þe secunde; and confirmacion of Kyng Henry þe soone of Willyam

Reference
to nos. 12,
13, 14, 18, 19

¹ 'Ego igitur.'

² 'ratas habens et gratas.'

³ i. e. Elsfield.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota bene.'

bastarde, and of Alizaunde Bishshop of lincoln, and of pope Eugenye þe iij., and also of þe chapiter of lincoln: as hit is i-schewed above in 'þe fundacion of Osney.' Also we haue a confirmacion of seynte¹ Hugh Bishshop of lincoln, þe which is in 4
 and to no 37. þe title 'How þe church of Seynte George was i-zeft to þe chanons of Osney.'

Kidlington. [95.] In² þe Baylyschepe of Cudelynton ben þese townes i-conteyned:—Cudelynton, Goseforde, Coggeswoode, Thrope, 8 Shipton, Hensynton, Wythhuff.

About 1220. [96.] Charter of Henry Doylly þe secunde of þe tithis of Cudelynton and of oþer thynges.

* leaf 23. * To all þe soones of owr holy modur þe church to see or to Grant to Osney, by Henry Doyly II, hyre this present letters, Henry Doyly, owre lorde þe Kynges constable, helth. Knowe 3e me willefully³, for þe oonly loue of 12 goddis goodenes, for my helth and of my aunceturs, to haue i-zeve and to haue i-grauntid and to haue i-confermed to my most dere chanons of Osney all þe tithis of heye bothe of my demayns and of my meñ tenauntes of my fee in my maners of 16 Hokenorton, of Cudelynton, of Weston, of Cleydon, to þe susteynyng⁴ of þoo thynges þe which ben necessarye In pitaunces and medicyns of brethreñ i-leyde in the infirmarie. and, þat this 3ifte of this my almes be sure and hoole to þe saide howse 20 for Euer, this present writyng with my seele I-made hit to be strengthd. These witnesses, &c⁵.

1273, July 21. [97.] A sentence diffinitiffe vppon mortuarijs In þe parishe of Cudelynton.

Osney, as rector of Kidlington, THESE thynges were i-actid or doo In þe conuentuall church of Seynte frideswith at oxonforde, In þe vigile of Seynte marye 24 Mawdefen, in þe 3ere of owr lorde anno M^oCClxxiiij., afore vs, officiall of my lorde Archedecun of oxonforde, by ordinary Jurisdiction knowyng, in þe cawse þe which vppon a mortuary is i-sterid, bitwene religiouse meñ thabbot and couent of Osney, 23

¹ St. Hugh of Avalon, died 1200.

² Marginal note: 'Nota bene.'

³ 'gratis.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'Nota: for pitaunces for seke men and for medicines.'

actors, by frere Roger Waldis of þe same place chanone (here procuratour lawfully ordeyned) comperying, of þe oon^e partie, and Robert Synat, Thomas yenge, and moolde the lefte of Raph ffrrensh of thrope, executors of þe testament of þe same Raph dede, gylty¹, personally comperying of þe oper^e partie: þat is to say, whenne hit was i-schewed þe seyde gylty¹ at þe same day and place lawfully and peremptoryly to haue be i-callid, of þe saide religiousmen, þe procuratour aforsaide agaynst þe same gylty¹ here Intent purposed in þe name of here lordis in-to þis maner:—

Afore 3ow, my lorde Juge, I, frere Roger Waldis, procuratour of pabbot and couent of Oseney, þe church of Cudelynton holdyng in full ryght and of þe same church persons, in þe name of my lordis, say and purpose agaynst Robert Synat, Thomas yenge, and Moolde, relict of Raph ffrrensh of Thrope sumtyme parissheⁿ of þe saide church of Cudelynton, executours of þe testament of þe saide Raph dede, þat where, of goode and preysable custom in parishe of þe saide church, hooly obserued fro þe tyme of þe which is no mynde, Hit is i-goote² that for men dying in þe same parishe his secunde best beast (be hit horse or b[e]est of oony oper^e maner kynde) þat he hath gete in þe daye of his dethe hit be i-payde to þe saide church and to my lordis In þe name of a Mortuarye. Now þe saide executours, þe saide custom forsakyng, for þe forsaide Raph of thrope, of þe saide church parissheⁿ, in³ þe same church parishe deyng, þe secund best Beast that in þe tyme or his dethe he had In þe name of a mortuary to graunte þe[y] agaynesay vnryghtfully. Wherefore, In þe name of my lordys, I axe þe saide Executours to þe forsaide best (of what-so-Euer kynde þe Beeste be) to þe saide church of Cudelynton and to my lordis aforsaide, after þe forsaide custom, in þe name of A mortuarye to be i-grauntid; sentencially and diffinityfly to be condempned; and þe same Executours, so i-condempned to þe saide best In þe name of a mor*uarye grauntynge, by þe censure of þe church, to be i-compellid.

To þe which sothly⁴ entente þe forsaide Executours stryffe, saying thynges i-tolde in þe saide Entencion, as they ben i-

claimed from the executors of Ralph Frensh, of Thrupp,

in Kidlington parish, according to the ancient custom, his second best beast, as due to the church as a 'mortuary.'

* leaf 23, back.

The executors refused, and

¹ 'reos.'

² 'sit optentum.'

³ 'in eiusdem ecclesie parochia.'

⁴ 'quidem.'

pleaded
that horses
at least
were not
included in
the custom.

tolde, not to be true, and perfore thynges i-axid, as þei ben i-axid to be doo, not to be dewe; To¹ here also deliueyng castyng to, þe fore custoṁ not of horsis but of oþer bestis i-oberued and i-obteyned. and þe parties here and þere of þe⁴ trowth to be saide i-swore, þe saide Executours, i-swere, denyed, as þey dyde afore.

Evidence
being
taken,

Wherfore þe saide partie doer, to þe forsaide here Entent to be i-grauntid, fowre wisse Browght forth, that is to say, 8 William, person of þe church of Wyuelcote; Roger, Vicaṛ of Cudelynton; Thomas, decune² of þe same; and William of Hampton: þe which i-receyued, i-swore, i-examined, and þere wordes or sayinges (of þe consent of [the] parties) [published³, 12 and altercation about them having been had between the parties];

verdict was
given that
the church
was en-
titled to
the second
best beast
of deceased,
whether
horse or
other.

of þe same parties consent, in þe³ saide cawse concludyng, to þe diffinityffe sentence we haue i-procedid in-to this maner:— 16 In *Dei nomine amen*. We, officialt of my lorde Archedecun of oxonforde, i-herde and i-vndurstande þe meritis of þe saide cawse, for⁴ [that⁵ the above-writ intention of the said abbot and convent of Oseneye and of their above-named procurator] 20 of⁶ þe saide witnessis deposicions fully i-preued we haue i-founde, and i-groundid, þe saide executours to þe saide beest, be hit horse or of cony oþer kynde beest, of þe saide Raph dede þat in þe tyme of his deth he had, for þe same Raph, of þe saide 24 church parissheṁ, and in þe same church parisshe dede, to þe saide church of Cudelynton, to þe forsaide religiouse meṁ, and to þere procuratour in there name, after þe forsaide custoṁ, in þe name of mortuarye to be i-zeve, sentencially and diffinitiffly 28 in wrytyng we condempne; and þe same, so i-condempned to þe saide beeste zeyvyng In þe name of a mortuary, by þe Vicaṛ of Cudelynton by all church censure to be i-compellid pronuncyng⁶, This⁷ sentence executyng to þe same Vicarye committyng⁸, 32 agaynesayers and rebellis (if⁹ oony) to þe same Vicarye com-

This verdict
to be en-
forced by
church
censure,
against the

¹ 'ad sui quoque deliberationem adii-
cientes, predictam consuetudinem non
[esse] . . . optentam.'

² 'diaconum.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'quia.'

⁵ 'predictorum testimonium depositiones plene
probatam esse comperimus, et fundatam.'

⁶ 'pronunciantes.'

⁷ 'istius sentencie executionem.'

⁸ 'committendo,' instead of 'commit-
tentes.'

⁹ The bracketed clause is strangely dis-
joined by the intrusion of interpolated
words, by an erroneous repetition. The
Latin is: 'si quos inuenerit.'

mittynge (he fynde) with like censure to be restreyned by þe
 same Vica^r napeles by this present writyng to þe same chargyng¹.
 In-to þe witnesse of þe which writyng þe seele of þe officiall-
 4 hoode² of oxonforde to this present writyng we willid to be i-put
 to : þe date, in þe place day and yere afore i-notid³.

executors
 and their
 supporters.

[98.] A sentence diffinitiffe vppon þe smale tithis of 1277,
 Cudelynton. May 24.

THESE thynges were i-doo In þe church of Erdynton, In þe
 moneday next afore þe fest of Seynte Austen, þe yere of our
 8 lorde anno M^cCClxxvij., afore vs, þe officiall of my lorde Arche-
 decoñ of oxonforde, by auctorite ordinarye knowyng, in cawsis
 the³ were i-stered⁴ bitwene thabbot and Couent of Oseney, the
 parisshe of Cudelinton in-to þere owne vses obteynyng and of
 12 þe same church persons, actors, by Robert Kenyworth⁴ (clerk,
 here procuratour lawfully i-sette or ordeyned⁵) comperyng, vppon
 þe ooñ partie, and Henrye of þe chamber, ð. of þe saide church
 of Cudelynton parisshe, gilty, by Wymunde (procuratour of þe
 16 same lawfully i-ordeyned⁵) comperyng, of þe oper partie, ð.

Oseney, as
 rector of
 Kidling-
 ton,

claimed
 from the
 parish-
 ioners

Afore⁶ yow my lorde Jugge, ð. Agaynste þe saide procura-
 toure and parysshyns for tithis of þer gardeynes comyng forth
 and⁷ of all frutes and of mylke of þere kyne fro þe tyme of þe
 20 wenyng of þe calues and [of their ewes fro þe time] of departyng
 of lombes, al so longe as mylke dureth. Þe saide procuratour of
 thabbot afore-saide, ð. after þer forme of lawe i-declaid, ð.

small
 tithes, i. e.
 of fruits
 of gardens,
 and of milk.

To þe sentence diffinitiffe we haue i-procedid⁸ In-to this
 24 maner * **In dei nomine Amen** : ffor-asmuche we officiall afore-
 saide, ð. we haue i-founde, þe saide Henry and all and euerych
 oper afore i-write, and þe saide Wymund⁹ procuratour of þe
 same, to þe tithe of all frutes of here gardeynes within þe

* leaf 24.

¹ 'eidem demandando,' instead of 'mandantes.'

² 'officialitatis.'

³ 'in causis que coram nobis.' Read probably 'the which': but the definite article is found used as relative, as in German *der*.

⁴ 'de Kenelingwrth.'

⁵ The Latin gives seven other names, among them 'Nicholaum piscatorem.'

⁶ Summary of the claim by the procurator for Oseney.

⁷ Omit 'and,' which has no place in the Latin. The claim was for tithe (a) 'fructuum ortorum,' (b) 'lactis, a vaccis suis a tempore ablactationis vitulorum, et ab ovibus a tempore separationis agnorum, provenientia.' Ewe-milk was therefore taken, and tithe-able.

Verdict in
favour of
Oseney,

with
arrears
accruing
since last
payment.

Verdict to
be enforced
by church
censure.

parisshe i-sett comyng forthe ¹ and to þe tithe of mylke of bestis within þe saide parisshe after ² of þe same to be take, to þe forsaide church of Cudelynton, and to þe religiouse men þe same church in-to þere owne vsis hauyng, and to þere procuratour in þere name, hereafter, from tyme of þe wenyng (to ³ be paide to-geduŕ) of caluys and departyng of lambys, al so longe as þe same Milke shaft dure, fully, hooly, and withoute all lessenyng to be payde, to-geduŕ with arerages fro þat tyme ⁸ that they paide last moneye In þe name of þe tithe of þe mylke aforsaide, sentencially and diffinityfly in this wrytyng we condempne; and þat þe same tithe, also ⁴ with arerages, to þe myndid religiouse men and to þe forsaide church, as hit Is i-¹² saide [before ⁵, they pay, we order, decreeing all and sundry above-written], after thre monicions or warnynges (by þe vicare of Cudelynton or ⁶ his stedys beryng to þe to be ⁷ paide), at ⁸ þe paying of þe saide tithis and of Arerages aforesaide, as hit ¹⁶ is i-saide afore, (to ⁹ be i-payde), by all maner censure of þe church to be i-compellid. Date and actid þe day and þe 3ere abovesaide.

About
1280.

[99.] A charter of Sir Hugh plesettis of v. s. 3erely In Cudelintoñ.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh of
Plessets,

of 5s. rent-
charge in
Kidlington,
issuing out
of Walter
of Crox-
ford's
lands, for
pittances,

KNOWE all men þat I, Hugh plesettis, haue i-3efe, grauntid, ²⁰ and with my present charter conformed, to William ¹⁰ Abbot of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, in-to pure and perpetueŕl almes, for þe helth of my Sowle and of my Aunceturs and successours, v. s. 3erely for Euer to be take of þe tenauntes ²⁴ þe which Water Croxford helde of me In Cudelynton, by þe handis of þe same Water and of all these tenementes after heldyng, þat is to say, [at ¹¹ the feast of St. John Baptist, ix. d., at the feast of St. Michael, xxi. d., at the feast of St. Thomas ²⁸

¹ 'provenientium,' in agreement with 'fructuum.'

² 'imposterum ab eisdem percipiendi': i. e. 'percipiendi,' in agreement with 'lactis'; 'ab eisdem' = by Oseney.

³ Omit the bracketed words, brought in, without meaning, from below.

⁴ 'una cum.'

⁵ Inserted from the Latin.

⁶ 'vel eius vices gerentem.'

⁷ Read 'to be made,' i. e. 'monicionem.'

⁸ 'ad solucionem.'

⁹ Superfluous: not in the Latin.

¹⁰ William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

¹¹ Inserted from the Latin. The donor no doubt bargained for commemoration in the conventual prayers on these five festivals. The payments would provide a 'pittance' on these days.

Apostle, ix. d.] at þe ffest of þe Annunciacion of owre lady ix. d., and at Estur xij. d. I haue i-grauntid also, for me and my heyres, þat þe forsaide Abbot and Chanons maye distreyne þe
 4 forsaide Water þorowgh all þe forsaide tenementys, In all maner of Distreynyng, to pay to þem fully þe forsaide yerely rente, if at þe for-namyd termes þey fayle, Sauyng to me and
 8 to my heyres all maner oþer thynges, seruices, and customs, þe which of þe saide tenementes been dewe. And I þe forsaide Hugh, and my heyres, to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons þe forsaide 3erely rente of v. s. as fre and perpetuell almes agaynste all pepull shalle warantyze, aquite, and defende for euer. In-to
 12 witnesse of þe which thyng þis present wrytyng with my seelys pryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnesses, ȝ.

with
powers of
distraint,

but reserv-
ing to the
manor
all other
feudal
superi-
orities.

[100.] An obligacion of Water Croxforde of þe Same About
 v. s. 1280.

KNOWE all men þat I, Water Croxforde, haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres for euer, to paye to Willyam Abbot of Oseney
 16 and to þe Couent þer seruyng god, v. s. 3erely at þe termes in þe charter þe which þey haue of Sir Hugh plesettis of þe forsaide rent contente. And þe forsaide Abbot and chanons may distreyne me and my heyres In all maner of distreynyng
 20 þorowgh Alle londes and tenementes the * which I holde in Cudelynton, and¹ all þe saide londes and holdyng þe tenementes, to² be i-paide to þe forsaide Abbot and chanons þe forsaide 3erely rente, at þe termes i-sett, If we fayle (þat god forbede).
 24 In-to witnesse of þe which thyng, this present wrytyng with my seeles Empryntyng I haue i-strengthid hit. These witnessis, ȝ.

Acknow-
ledgement
to Oseney,
by Walter
of Croxford,
of obliga-
tion to pay
the quit-
rent, as in
no. 99.
* leaf 24,
back.

[101.] A composicion Bitwene vs and Sir Hugh plesettis About
 of chauntery chapell of Cudelynton and oþer thynges. 1280.

In dei nomine Amen. A thyng i-sprunge late, Bitwene reliouse men William Abbot and Couent of þe Monastery of
 28 Oseneye of the oone partie, and a worthy man Sir Hugh plesettis of þe oþer, vppon a chapell of þe forsaide Sir Hugh

Oseney, as
rector of
Kidlington,
granted
Hugh of
Plessets

¹ Read 'and all (omnes) the said lands and tenements holding (tenentes),' i.e.

who hold. ² 'ad solvendum' . . . redditum.'

a private chapel.

plesettis in his courte at Cudelynton i-sett, a¹ chauntery, with þe libertee of þe same chapel and oþer thynges þe mater of þe question towchyng: þe striffe bitwene them restid with a ffrendely composicion vndur this forme, that is to say, þat the 4 fosraide abbot and Couent, hauyng þe parisshe church of Cudelynton vn-to þere owne vses. This composicion is all i-write In þe title of 'Hedynton.'

About 1230.

[102.] A charter of Henry Doylly of a 3erde londe In Cudelinto and rent of þe Mille and other thynges.

Grant to Oseney, by Henry Doyly II,

of rent-charges to value of £5; made up of, in *Kidlington*, £3 out of the mill (with surrender of other feudal rights in said mill), the quit-rents [18s. 8d.] out of a yardland, messuage, and croft; and, in *Hooknorton*, 13s. 4d. out of three yardlands, and 2s out of half a hide,

KNOWE they þat be present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly, 8 3afe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne, both predecessours [and² successours], and specially for þe Sowle of 12 Sibill my wiffe and of moolde my dow3tter, a hundred shelyng-worth of Rente 3erely, for þe which I haue³ a-tourned to þe 1x. 3. þe which I was i-woned to take 3erly of my Milfe of Cudelynton, and homage and seruice of Helie mylle and of his 16 heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng in þe forsaide mylle fully⁴ and better I Euer had, with his pertinences, (or⁵ my3għt haue), without Eny withholdyng. I haue i-3eve also and haue i-grauntid in þe same my maner, in-to free pure and perpetuell 20 almes, j. 3erde of londe, þat is to say, þat⁶ helde Raph Reuelyng, with a mese and crofte and all his oþer pertinences, withinne þe towne and without þe towne, withoute oony withholdyng. ffuþermore I haue i-3eve and haue i-grauntid to þe now saide 24 chanon3 In my maner of Hokenorto j. marke of Silue, þe³ which was i-woned to paye to me Raph Bernarde Euery 3ere for thre 3erdes of londe, with his pertinences, þe³ which he helde of me in þe same towne. I 3afe also to þe viij. 3. of Ster- 28 lynges, þe which I was i-woned to⁷ take 3erely of Roger Olicerante⁸ for dñ. an hide of londe, þe which he had with moolde his wife þe dow3ghter of philippe clerke, and of me

¹ Governed by 'vppon,' mentally repeated.

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'attornavi eis.'

⁴ 'plenius et melius.'

⁵ The broken order in this instance is copied from the Latin.

⁶ 'illam scilicet quam tenuit Radulphus.'

⁷ MS. 'to take.'

⁸ 'Olicerance.'

helde in þe same maner, with homage and *seruices* of þe saide Robert Bernarde and of Roger Olicerante and of here heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng [in] nowe þe saide¹ londes I had or
 4 myȝht haue, withoute oony witholdyng. I have also [given] to þe fornamed chanons In my maner of Hokenortoñ oon mede that Is i-called Cuham, In-to pure and perpetueſt almes, and
 8 all thyng þat I had In þe for*saide mede or myȝht have, withoute oony reteynyng. ffor this cawse, I wilte ande Surely ordeyne, for me and my heyres, þat [þe² forsaide Chanons all] þe forsaide thynges have and holde for Euer, weſt pesible and worschipfully, with all liberteis and his fre customs, in-to ffre
 12 and perpetueſt almes, as oony almes better³ and frely myȝht be i-geve of cony or to be holde. I also Henry Doyly, and my heyres, all þe fornamyd thynges with here pertinences to þe saide chanons agaynste all pepulſh shalle warantize and aquite: and
 16 that this my ȝifte, graunte, and warantizyng, and aquite, be sure and stabulſh for Euer, hit with my present seeles puttyng to have I strenghtid. These witnesses. ȝ.

with sur-
render of
feudal
rights over
the said
lands.
Grant
also of a
meadow
in Hook-
norton.
* leaf 25.

[103.] A charter of Warine ffight Helie of þe Mil'e of Cudelintoñ. About 1238.

Know þey that ben now and to be þat I, Waryne ffight Helie
 20 myller⁴ of Cudelintoñ, have i-geve and grauntid, deliuered and quyte-claymed, and confermed with my charter, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons In hit *seruyng* god, all my mylle of
 24 Cudelynton, with þe pertinences, þat I helde of þe chanons, payng to þem þerof yerely lx. s., and⁵ all þat moolde þe relicte of my fadur þe thridde parte of þe same Mille for heȝ dowry al so longe as she leueth, payng þerof ȝerely to þe same chanons
 28 þe thridde parte of þe forsaide lx. s., that is to say, xx. s., for þe forsaide thridde parte of þe forsaide mylle while she leueth, þe which also þe forsaide thridde parte after þe deceſe of þe forsaide moolde all shaſt abide in-to þe handes of þe forsaide
 32 chanons, and þenne þey shaſt haue all þe forsaide mylle, with

Sale to
Oseney, by
Warin the
miller,

of all his
interest in
the mill (as
in no. 102),
with the
reversion
of his
mother's
jointure-
share.

¹ 'iam-dictis.'

² Added from the Latin.

³ 'melius et liberius.' Obviously, the writer did not care to form by inflection a

comparative for words like 'freely.'

⁴ 'molendinarii.'

⁵ Read 'saving to Moolde.'

Purchase
money, £6.

aſt his *pertinences*, hooly, to be holde and to be had and ¹ to þe ſame, weſt and In pece, frely and quietly fro aſt ſeculer ſeruiſe exaccion and demaunde, withoute reclaymyng of me and of my heyres for Euer. And I Waryne and my heyres aſt þe forſaide 4 thynges to þe ſaide church and chanons ſhall warantize agaynſte aſt for Euer. And for this ȝifte, graunte, deliveryng, quite-claymyng, and confermyng, þe ſaide chanons for-ȝafe to me ix. marke of ſiluer, þe which I owyð to þem. In-to witte- 8 neſſe of þe which þyng to this preſent writyng my ſeele I haue i-put to: þeſe witneſſes ², &c³.

About
1280.

[104.] A charter of petur Meles of þe Meſe Eueñ agaynſte þe Milte.

Grant to
Oſeney, by
Peter of
Mules,
of a meſſu-
age,

ſubject to
8d. yearly
to maintain
a lamp in
the church.

* leaf 25,
back.

[Warranty
againſt
Jews.]

KNOWE þey þat be preſent and to be that I, petur of Meles, ȝafe grauntid and quyte-claymed, and with this my preſent 12 charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte marye of Oſeney and to þe chanons in hit ſeruyng god, that Meſe, with þe Curtilage or garden and aſt his oþer *pertinences*, þat I had in þe towñ of Cudelynton, þe which truly meſe is i-ſett eueñ 16 agaynſte þe mylle of þe ſame Abbot and Couent in þe ſame towne of þe ſowth partie by þe water: to be holde and i-had, to þe church and chanons, of me and of my heyres, In-to fre pure and perpetueſt almes, ȝeldyng perof to þe church of Cude- 20 lynton viij. d. to þe ſuſteynyng of oon lampe, afore þe crucifixe In þe ſame church, for þe ſowles of Sið Henry Doylly and of aſt ſowles, as þe ſame tenement of oolde was i-wonyd to paye, for aſt thyng þe which, of þe londe and for þe londe, may, or 24 ſhall mowe, to be * axid for Euer. And I petur and my heyres þe forſaide Meſe, with aſt his *pertinences*, to þe church and chanons agaynſte aſt criſten meñ and Juys ſhall warantize aquite and defende for Euer. And that this my ȝifte be rate 28 and ſtable for Euer, to þis writyng my ſeele haue I put to. Theſe witneſſes, &c³.

About
1280.

[105.] A confirmacion of Sið Hugh plesettis of þe ſame.

Confirma-
tion to
Oſeney,

KNOWE aſt meñ þat I, Hugh of plesettis, haue i-grauntid, and with my preſent charter confermed, to god and to þe church 32

¹ Omit 'and.'

² One was John of Tew, ſheriff of Oxfordſhire 1236-9.

- of Seynte marye of Osneye and to Sir William, Abbot, and to þe
 chanon̄s in hit *seruyng* god, þe ȝifte þe which petur of Meles
 made to þe m̄ of oone mese *with* þe *pertinences* In Cudelynton̄.
- 4 And I graunte, for me and my heyres, þat þey haue and holde
 hit, in-to pure and *perpetueſt* almes, al so much as to me and my
 heyres *perteyneth* for Euer, Sauyng napeles viij. d. to þe church
 of Cudelynton̄ to þe sustenyng of oone lampe afore þe *crucifixe*
- 8 for þe sowles of Henry Doylly and of my aunceturs and of my
 successours. In-to wisse of þe which thyng.

by Hugh of
 Plessets,
 of no. 104,

subject to
 the charge
 for the
 lamp.

[108.] A charter bitwene vs and Water Croxforde of þe
 londe of ffrees.

About
 1260.

- KNOWE all m̄n that In this wise hit was a-cordid Bitwene
 Richard, Abbot of Osney, and þe Couent of þe same place, of þe
- 12 oone *partie*, and Water Croxforde, of þe other *partie*, that is to
 say, þat þe saide Abbot and Couent lete and toke to þe forsaide
 and to his heyres a crofte or þat telth þe which is Eueñ
 agaynste þe chapell of þe ffrees of þe west side, with dichis,
- 16 medis, and *oper* *pertinences* : to be i-holde and i-had to þe forsaide
 and to his heyres to *perpetueſt* ferme, payng *þerof* ȝerely to þe
 saide Abbot and Couent dȝ. marke at Osneye, that is to say, in
 þe daye of Seynte Mighell or a-fore xl. d. and In þe day of þe
- 20 Anunciacion of seynte marye or a-fore xl. d. : and þe forsaide
 Water and his heyres all burdons of þe same crofte or telth
 towchyng, with *þer* costis, shaft susteyne and aquite. And hit
 shaft not be lawfull to þe saide Water and to his heyres the
- 24 saide crofte or telth to oony m̄n to sell ȝeue or bequeth or in
 oony maner to aliene. And if he doo or his heyris doo, hit
 shaft be lawfull to þe forsaide Abbot and to his successours þe
 saide crofte or telth to Entre and for Euer to haue, withoute
- 28 lettyng of þe saide Water or of his heyris. And þat this
 lettyng and of *perpetueſt* ferme takyng be sure and stable for
 Euer, þe parties to this writyng In-to þe maner of a charter i-
 made, euerych to *oper*, her seeles haue putte. These wit-
- 32 nesses, &c.

Grant by
 Osney,
 to Walter
 of Crox-
 ford, of
 the Frees.

[Duplicate
 of no. 82.]

1217. [107.] **Letters¹ of Walter Archiebisshope of Yorke and co-executours of þe same of þe ȝifte of John bisshop of Norwhich of þe woode of Coggesse and of the church of Swerforde with þe Chapell of Seveuell.**

Convey-
ance to
Oseney, by
the execu-
tors of
bp. John
de Grey,
* leaf 26.

of Cogges
wood,
of Swerford
church,
and of
Showell
chapel.
[No. 270 is a
duplicate.]

To all þe Soones of owr holy modur þe church to whome þese present letters shall come, *Walter*, By þe grace of god Archiebisshop of ȝorke², a primat of Ingelonde, and master *Ralph* of Warham³, officiall of Norwhich, and mayster R.,⁴ Archede*con of yippeswike, helth in owr lorde. Knowe ȝe all John Gray, of goode Mynde, sumtyme Bisshop of Northwich, a woode þe which is i-callid Goggeswode⁴ to þe towne of Cudelinton sumtyme perteynyng, and þe church of Swerforde, with 8 þe chapell of Seueuell⁵, and his pertinences, þe which þe forsaide Bisshop of þe yifte of Sir Henry Doylly gate, to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe helth of his sowle, In his laste wil to haue i-lefte. 12 We truly, sith In þe forsaide Bisshoppis testament executours [we] were i-ȝeue, to þe same chanons þe forsaide woode and þe saide church with þe chapell and pertinences, after that þe Office of owr execucion axid, haue assined. But [lest] þat 16 þe trowth of this thyng by succession of tyme myȝt be in-to dowte i-callid, we of⁶ þe aforethynges assinyng to þe afore-saide chanons of vs i-maade In⁷ writyng haue i-maade hit, þe which þe puttyng-to of owr seeles haue i-thowȝht worpy to strength, f. 20

About
1217.

- [108.] **A confirmacion of Henry Doylly of þe same woode.**

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly II,
as feudal
superior,
of Cogges
wood,

KNOWE tho þat be present and to be that I, *Henry* Doylly, of owr lorde Kyng constable, haue i-grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Osneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, in-to 24 pure and perpetueil almes, all þe woode of Cudelynton⁸ þe which Is i-callid Coggeswode⁸ with his pertinences, withoute

¹ Marginal note:—'Nota.'

² Walter de Grey, archbishop of York 1216–55, was nephew to John de Grey, bishop of Norwich 1200–14.

³ Ralph of Warham, elected bishop of Chichester, Dec. 1217.

⁴ The spelling 'Goggeswode' is an alternative to 'Coggeswode.'

⁵ Showell, in Swerford parish.

⁶ 'predictorum assignationem.'

⁷ 'in scripturam redegitur.'

⁸ Names noted in margin.

oony withholdyng, [þ^e which] þe same chanons hauēn of þ^e
yifte of Sir or lorde John Gray, Bisshope sumtyme of Norwich,
þe which also woode I Henry Doylly 3afe and with my charter
4 confermed to lorde John Bisshop of Norwich. Wherefore I
wille þat þe forsaide chanons þ^e forsaide woode holde and haue
for Euer with all pertinences, in-to ffre pure and perpetuell
almes, quite fro all seculer service þat to me or my heyres
8 perteyneth. And be hit lawfull to þe forsaide chanons of
Oseney to þ^e forsaide woode to Copice¹, to 3eue, or to sell to
whome-so-Euer þey wille or to religious men or to oper. And
I, Henry Doylly, and my heyres, þe forsaide woode to þ^e
12 fornamyd chanons or to whome-so-Euer þey will assine hit
agaynste all men for Euer schall warantize. And that this my
graunte and confirmacion bide sure and stable for Euer, hit
whith my present writyng with my seeles puttyng-to haue
16 i-strenghtid hit: þese witnesses.

as in
no. 107,

with power
to disforest
it or sell it.

[No. 271 is a
duplicate.]

[109.] A charter of Adam ffit Thomas of Cudelynton
of londes In þ^e Same and In Shipton.

About
1280.

KNOWE þey that be present and to Be that I, Adam ffit
Thomas of Cudelynton, 3afe, grauntid, and with my present
charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of
20 Oseney and to ffrere William² Abbot and to þe chanons þere
seruyng god, ij. acres of Arable londe In þe territorye or
grownde of Cudelynton, þe which I had of þe 3ifte and graunte
of William of Wotton, for j. ob. to þe same and to his heyres for
24 all thynges at þe ffest of Seynte Mygheff 3erely to be i-paide.
Item, I 3afe and grauntid j. acre of Arable londe, þe which I
had of þe yifte and graunte of William of Cutlynton, for j.
roote of gooyng³ to þe same and to his heyres for all thynges at
28 Estur 3erely to be i-paide; And j. dj. acre of Arable londe and
dj. an acre of mede, þe which I had of þe 3ifte and graunte of
William ffit petur of Dunynton, * for j. ob. to þe same and to
his heyris for all thynges at þe ffest of Seynte Mizgheff 3erely
32 to be i-paide. Item, I 3afe and grauntid to þe saide church

Grant to
Oseney, by
Adam, son
of Thomas,
in Kidling-
ton,
of 2 acres,
subject to
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. quit-
rent;

1 acre, sub-
ject to quit-
rent of a
root of
ginger;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
arable and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
* leaf 26,
back.
meadow,
subject to
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. quit-
rent;

¹ 'assartare.'

³ Read 'ginger': 'pro una radice gingi-
beri.'

² Probably William of Sutton, abbot
1268-84.

and in
Shipton of
[a quarter-
yardland,
i. e.] a mes-
suage,
6 acres
arable,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
meadow,
subject to
 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. quit-
rent.

abbot and chanons j. mese, vj. acris of Arable londe, and dj. one acre of mede with þe pertinences in þe towne and ffeelde of Shipton¹, þe which I had of þe yifte and grauntynge of William Toky, for j. ferthyng to þe same and to his heyres at þe fest of 4 Seynte Miȝheleȝ ȝerely to be i-payde, for all seculer seruiçes, Sutes, wardis, relefs, heriettes, and for all otheȝ thynges þe which of þe londe or for þe londe may be axid for euer: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church abbot and chanonȝ and 8 to þere successours, in-to ffree pure and perpetueȝ almes, al so much as to me and my heyres perteyneth, payng þerof to þe chefe lordis seruiçes afore-i-write. And þat þis my ȝifte, graunte, and confirmacion be sure and stable for Euer, to this writyng 12 my seele I haue put to, and to more Surete of þe þyng, all Instrumentes and munimentes to þe saide londis and tenementes þat I haue, afore worpy meȝ I have deliuered [to² the said abbot and conuent]. These witnesses. 16

About
1280?

[110.] A quite-clayme of Water ffit John of Thrope of
j. li. of Comyn.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Walter son
of John of
Thrupp,
of a quit-
rent of 1 lb.
of cummin,
due by land
assigned
to maintain
a lamp in
Kidlington
church.

KNOWE þey that be present and to be that I, Water ffit John of thrope, ȝafe and quite-claymed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, for þe helth of my Sowle, j. li. of Comyn, In-to ffree pure and 20 perpetueȝ almes, al so much³ as to me [longeth], þe which the same chanonȝ oftid to me yerely at þe fest of Seynte Miȝheleȝ for ij. acris of arable londe In stotfolde and j. acre of Mede In Cannham, the which (þat is to say) iij. acris Robert Clerke of 24 Cudelynton ȝafe to þe church of Cudelynton to j. lampe to be susteyned In þe same church. And þat þis my ȝifte and quite-clayme be sure and stable for Euer, hit with my writyng and of my seele puttyng to haue I strengthid hit. These witnesses. 28

About
1280.

[111.] A charter of John ffit John philippe of vj. acris
of Arable londe and of oþer thynges.

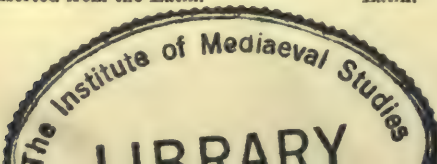
Grant to
Oseney, by
John son of
John son of

KNOWE þey that be present and to be þat [I], John ffit John philippe of Cotes, ȝafe, grauntid, and with my present charter conferred, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Osney

¹ Name noted in margin.

² Inserted from the Latin.

³ This clause is not represented in the Latin.



- and William, Abbot, and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, vj. Philip of Cotes, of the 6 acres arable of a quarter-yardland, described by strips.
- acris of Arable londe In þe ffeldes of Cudelynton̄, with all oper pertinences, þe which I had of þe gifte of my ffadūr, of the
- 4 [which] j. acre and d̄j. and j. Rodde lyen̄ in Stodfolde by þe commune pasture of Cudelynton̄ with þe Dicke lying aboute, and iij. Roddis lyen̄ In þe telth þe which Is i-callid Schelde, and j. d̄j. hede acre In schalt eueñ, and iij. Roddys In þe same
- 8 telth, and iij. Roddys lyen̄ In Medelforlong, and j. d̄j. acre In Hanginde londe, and j. acre vppoñ vourtene acris By þe wey : to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanon̄s, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, of me and my heyres for Euer. And
- 12 I John and my heyris þe saide vj. acris of londe, with all þere pertinences, to þe forsaide church and chanon̄s agaynste all cristen̄ meñ and Juys schaff warantize, aquite, and defende, as owre ffre pure and perpetueñ alm̄ys : and þat my gifte &c⁹. [Warranty against Jews.]

[112.] * A confirmacion of John philippe þe ffadūr of þe saide John of þe forsaide gifte. * leaf 27. About 1280.

- 16 KNOWE all meñ þat I, John þe soone of philippe of Cudelynton̄, grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þe yifte þat John my sone made to
- 20 them of vj. acres of arable londe and of a dicke [and other pertinences] in þe feldes of Cudelynton̄, In-to ffre pure and perpetueñ almes, as þe charter of þe same John þe which he made to þeñ of þe ffeffement fully witnesseth. And I John and my
- 24 heyres and myne assines þe saide vj. acris with þe Dicke and oper pertinences to þe forsaide church and chanon̄s agaynste all cristen̄ meñ and Juys schaff warantize, aquite, and defende, as ffre pure and perpetueñ almes. And þat this my graunte, ꝑ. [Warranty against Jews.]

[113.] A charter of William off Hampton of a Hamme i-callid Stoniham. About 1290 ?

- 28 KNOWE thoo þat be present and to be þat I, William of Hampton¹, for þe helth of my sowle and of my wiffe aliz and of my aunceturs, 3afe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of þe blessed virgen̄ marye

¹ Hampton Gay or Hampton Poyle.

of a
meadow-
patch.

of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, þat hamme, with all his pertinences, þe which lieth bitwene þe hamme þe which was sumtyme of Helie Clerke of Cudelynton and þe mede þat is i-callid Bradeham, In-to ffree pure and perpetuell⁴ almes, as oony londe better¹ and freliyst maye be i-zeve: to be had and to be holde, to þe same church and chanon^s þere seruyng god, of me and of my heyres, frely and quietly, well and In pece, withoute oony quarell and Demaunde and seculer⁸ exaccioⁿ. And I þe forsaide William and my heyres shall warantize, aquite, and defende þe forsaide hamme, with all his pertinences, for Euer to þe forsaide church & to þe saide chanons agaynste all men and women. And þat this my 3ifte, 12

About
1220?

[114.] A charter off Henry Doylly off þe fisshing of Cudelinton.

Sale to Eli
miller,
by Henry
Doyly (? II),
of fishing-
rights in
the mill-
ponds and
mill-
streams of
Kidlington,
quit-rent to
be half the
fish taken.
Purchase-
money,
13s. 4d.

Know tho that be present and to be þat I, Henry Doylly², my lorde the Kynges constable, toke and grauntid, and with my present charter conformed, to Helie Miller and to his heyres and⁸ my fisshyng of Cudelinton, withoute oony [retaining],¹⁶ vndur⁴ þe Mille and Bi the Mille, with [the] excluse of þe Mille and with þe ponde and with all thinges to þe fisshyng perteynyng, In-to ffee-ferme to fisshe to⁵ halfe: to be had and to be holde, to þe fforsaide Helie and to his heyres, frely and²⁰ quietly, of me and myne heyres, by seruice off fisshyng to halfe⁶. And for this graunte, takyng, and confermyng, þe forsaide Helie safe to me j. marke of siluer, 1

[XVIII. GOSFORD.]

123¹,
March 19.

[115.] A composicion⁷ Bitwene vs and þe Hospitalariys of þe chapel of Goseforde.

In spite of
opposition
by Oseney,

THE prior and Supprior of Dunstable, by þe Commaundement²⁴ of pope gregorye⁸, after Diuerse altercacions i-made bitwene þe

¹ 'melius et liberius.'

² If it were Henry Doyly I, then the date is 'About 1160?'

³ 'and' in MS., by a slip for 'all.'

⁴ 'sub molendino et subtus [?] lower down than' molendinum.'

⁵ 'ad piscandum ad medietatem.'

⁶ 'per servicium piscandi ad medietatem.'

⁷ A translation of the deed, made from the Latin of the Oseney cartulary at Christ Church, is printed in Stapleton's *Three Oxfordshire Parishes* (1893), p. 360: but the technical term *trentale* is mis-read.

⁸ Commission dated at Spoleto, July 14, 1232.

parties f̄ pe strife bitwene them this frendely Ende restid,
 that is to say, that pe saide Hospitalarijs haue pe saide
 oratorye of Goseforde, after pe tenour of pere priuileges to
 4 þeñ i-zeve of þe pope, and þe procuratour of pe same Hos-
 pitalarijs, to¹ þat specially i-zeve In Jugement, in the name
 of þe Hospitalarijs with goode feith promised noþer the
 Hospitalar² noþer the seculer Chaplen parissheñs of þe
 8 modur church to Diuine shall admitte In the same, noþer
 also Annale or trentale or oony other thyng that to þe
 modur church is dewe, * by the Occasion of the saide ora-
 torie, In-to preiudice or harme of the modur church, shall
 12 receyue or make; also þe saide procuratour promised, In
 the name of his lordis In Juggement, that his lordis þe
 saide thynges shall kepe and of there Sugetes make hit to be
 i-keped: þat same, if hit happe to þe saide Hospitalarijs
 16 in oþer parissheñs of þe saide chanonns oratorijs to make,
 fully In goode ffeith hit shall be keped. We theñ, louers
 of pece, this composicion approuyng, with owr seles puttyng-to
 conferme hit, f̄.

as rector of
 Kidlington,
 the Knights
 Hospitallers,
 by papal privi-
 lege, were al-
 lowed a chapel
 in their house
 at Gosford, but
 on condition of
 excluding ordi-
 nary parishion-
 ers, and of
 refusing fees
 for saying
 * leaf 27,
 back.
 yearly or
 monthly
 intercessory
 masses for
 souls of persons
 deceased.
 Same terms to
 apply, if
 needed, in
 other Oseney
 parishes.

[XIX. HENSINGTON.]

[116.] The Booke of þe ffeis seith þat þabbot of Oseney holdep In Hensinton dj. an hide londe in
 fire almes & zeueth none scuage. Note about
land in
Hensington.

[NOTE.—Hensington is a hamlet in Bladon parish. The translator, at this point, falls into extraordinary and unexplained errors. Not only does he bring into the text (as is usual with him) what is the marginal introduction (no. 116) in the Latin copy, but he places it after the rubric of no. 117, and suddenly in the middle of no. 117 leaves the deed he is translating and goes on with the second half of the next. The error is the stranger because the names and property have little in common.]

[117.] A charter of þe Kyng bitwene Eustach ffitz Raph 1218,
 and deenyß Scorchebefe.³ Dec. 14.

20 THIS⁴ Is the ffinall acorde i-made In þe Courte of owr lorde⁵ Suit by
 Kyng at Oxonforde, In the 3ere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry the which

¹ i. e. appointed to represent them in this suit.

² 'nec hospitalarius nec canonicus secularis.'

³ In the MS. no. 116 came in here.

⁴ 'Hensinton' in marginal note.

⁵ MS. 'londe,' by a slip.

Eustace son
of Ralph

established
his rights
over a mes-
suage
and two
acres,

held of
Denyse
Scorchebef
by quit-rent
of 10½d.
Purchase-
money, 10s.

Sone of Kyng John the iij., in the morowe of Seynte lucie virgen, afore Richard, Bisshop of Salesburye, mathewe ffigt Hereberte, Raph Hareng, Water ffolioth, James of Poterne, Water de ripariis, Morice Tureville, John Wykenolte, Justices 4 iorneying, and oper true men of owr lorde þe Kyng pere then beyng present, betwene Eustache ffigt Raph, axa, and Deenys Escorchebefe, tenaunt, of j. mese and ij. acris of londe with þe pertinences In Hensynton Whereoff 'assisas of the deth of 8 aunceturs' whas i-summed bitwene them In the forsaide Courte: that is to say, þat þe forsaide [Deenys¹ acknowledged the said mese and the said two acres of land, with the pertinences, to be the right of said Eustache: to be hold and to be had, to the 12 same Eustache and his heirs, of the forsaide Deenys and her heirs, by the service of ten pence halfpenny to be paid yearly. And for this acknowledgement and fine and accord the foresaid Eustache gave to the foresaid Deenys x. s. of sterlings. 16

1199,
Aug. 28.

117* A. A charter of the King between Deenys Schorchebef, asker, and William son of Wymund and Richard son of Ralph about 1 hide.

Suit by
which
Denyse
Scorchebef,

after estab-
lishing
her rights
over a hide,

granted it
out as a
freehold, to
be held by
7s. quit-
rent.

THIS is the final accord made in the court of our lord king at Oxonforde, on Saturday next after the feast of Seynt Bartholomew, in the first year of the reign of king John, before Alan, abbot of Tewkesbury, Simon of Pateshull, John of Gestling, 20 Richard Flandrensis, William of Faleise, justices, and other barons of our lord king then there present, between Deenys Scorchebef, axer, and William son of Wymund and Richard son of Ralph, tenaunts, of i. hide of land, with the pertinents, in 24 Hensinton: whereof 'acknowledgement of great assise' was summoned between them in the foresaid court: that is to say, that the foresaid] William² and Richard maade knowlege aff þe forsaide londe with þe pertinences to be þe ryght and þe 28 heritage of the forsaide Deenes, And for that fine and acorde and knowleggyng þe forsaide Deenes³ to þe forsaide William and Richard, with þe pertinences, to be holde of he and he heyres, to þe and to pere heyres for Euer, by fire service of 32

¹ Added from the Latin.

² Words like 'gave all the forsaide land'

³ The English MS. resumes after the have dropped out, omisjion.

vij. s. by þere for all *seruice*, to be i-paide at þe ffest of Seynte Martyne. And for this graunt þe forsaide William and Richard ȝafe to þe forsaide Deenes xx. s. of sterlynges.

Purchase-money, £1.

[118.] A¹ charter of Symon Scorchebef m̃zt Geffrey Scorchebef of Shipton. About 1255.

4 [Know² all men, &c³. that I Simon Scorchebef, &c³.] At the Instance of Water Shipton, Chapleyne, for my helth and of myne, ȝafe and grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe 8 church of Seynt marye off Oseney, in-to fre pure and perpetuell almes, vij. s. off rent in Hensynton ȝerly to be take In the ffest of Seynt Martine at Osney of iiij. ȝerdis of londe þe which Eustache meyllour, Richard Spenser, Symon Cat, Geffrey 12 Miller, Helewise þe relicte of William frankelyne, sumtyme helden in Hensynton, with homage and seruice of þe same and of here heyres, and what of Ryȝht In them or In þere tene-mentes I had or myȝht have, without oony withholdyng to me 16 or to my heyres: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons, of me and off my heyres for Euer, well and In peece, frely & quietly fro all seculer seruice exaccion and Demaunde. And I Symon and my heyres all the forsaide thynges to þe forsaide 20 chanons for Euer shall warantize agaynste all men and women: and if perauenture, by oony case happenyng to them, þe forsaide thynges we may not warantize we shall make an Escaunge in Shipton of my londe to þe value of vij. s. of Rent. And that 24 this my ȝift, &c³.

Grant to Oseney,

by Simon Scorchebef,

of the rent-charge of 7s. (as in no. 117*) over 4 yardlands,

with all other feudal superiories.

[119.] *Knowe that³ that be nowe and to be þat I, Eustach m̃zt Raph of Hensinton, ȝaf and graunted, and haue confermyd with this my present charter, to god and to þe church of Seynte 28 Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all my londe In Hensinton, and⁴ all that I had or myȝht haue [in² the same land], þat is to say, xlj. acris of arable londe, with my chefe mansion and Crofte, and Medis, and þere pertinences: to

* leaf 28. About 1255.

Grant to Oseney, by Eustace son of Ralph of Hensington, of a mansion, croft,

¹ An obscure marginal note says:—‘A charter; nota pro nigro.’

² Added from the Latin.

³ Read ‘they.’

⁴ ‘et quicquid.’

2 acres
meadow,
and 41
acres
arable.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

be had and to be holde, of me and my heyris, with all þere liberteyes and here free customs, In-to pure and perpetueſſ almes for Euer. And I and my heyres þe fornamed xli. acris and chefe Mansion and Crofte and Mede with all þe pertinences 4 to þe saide Church and chanons shaft warantize, defende, and Aquite, agaynste all cristen meñ and Juys as fre pure and owre perpetueſſ almys ffor euer. Ande that þese above-write þynges opteyne strenghe, to this present charter my seele I have 8 i-put to, ꝑ.

1257, Oct.
Suit by
which
Osney

received
from Eus-
tace son of
Ralph, the
property in
no. 119,

[120.] THIS is þe ffinall acorde i-maade In the Kynges Courte at Westmynster, fro þe day of Seynt Miȝheſſ in-to þe xv. day In þe ȝere off þe reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone of 12 Kyng John xli., afore Henry of Bathe and Robert Brywes, Justices, and oþer true meñ of þe Kynges þenne þere beyng present, bitwene Richard, Abbot of Osney, playnyng, by William lech i-sette in his stede to gete or to lese, and Eustach ffit 16 Raph of Hensinton, deforcynng, of j. mese, j. tofte, xli. acris of londe, and ij. acris of mede with þe pertinences In Hensinton¹, Where-of a² plee of Couenaunte was i-summed Bitwene þeme in þe same Courte: þat is to say, that the fforſaide Eustach 20 knowlechild all þe fforſaide tenement with þe pertinences to be þe ryȝht of the same Abbot and of his church of Osney, þat þe saide abbot and his church hauen of þe ȝifte of the fforſaide Eustach, to be had and to be holde, to þe same Abbot 24 and to his successors and to his church aforſaide, of the chefe lordis of that fee ffor Eueȝ, doyng þerof all seruices the which perteynyñ to þe fforſaide tenement. And for this Recognicion, fine and acorde þe same Abbot ȝafe³ to þe fforſaide Eustach 28 j. sparhauke Sowre, ꝑ.

paying a
'sparhauke
sowre.'

About
1290?
Grant to
Osney, by
Eustace
son of
Jeffrey,

[121.] KNOWE þei that þen present and to be þat I, Eustach ffit Geoffrey off Hensinton, with oon assent and consent of Moolde my wiffe and of Henry my first boōȝ sone, ȝafe and 32 grauntid, and with this my present charter conformed, to god and to þe church of Seynte Mary off Osneye and to þabbot and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, In-to free pure and perpetueſſ

¹ Marginal note :—' Hensyngton.'

² 'placitum conventionis summonitum fuit.'

³ 'dedit . . . unum spervarium sorum.'

almes, oonð mese with a Curtilage (or Gardeyne) and Crofte þat I had in þe towne of Hensintoñ¹, with þe pertinences, and xxvij. acris and j. Rodde of Arable londe In þe ffeldes of Hensintoñ, with þe pertinences, and all my mede that I had In þe medis of Hensintoñ, with þe pertinences, and a 3erely rent of j. d. at þe ffest of Seynte Marten, þe which mayster John Mazon was i-wonyd to 3elde to me for ij. acris þe which he helde of me In the feldes off Hensintoñ, with homage and servuce of þe same Master John, and all that I had or my3ht haue in þe fforsaide thynges, withoute oony witholdyng to me or to my heyres * for euer: to be hold and to be had, to the saide abbot and chanons and to þere successours, of me and myne heyres, into free pure and perpetueñ almes for euer: and I, Eustach, and my heyres, to þe fforsaide Abbot and chanons and to þere successours, all the fforsaide thynges agaynste all pepuñ for euer schaff warantize aquite and defende. And that this my 3ifte, graunte, and of this my charter confirmacion be sure and stabuff here-after, this presente charter with my seelys enprentyng haue I strengthid hit. Thes witnessys, &c².

of [a yard-land ?, viz.] a messuage, garden, croft, and 27½ acres arable, with meadow, and a quit-rent of 1d. over two acres, with all feudal superiorities. * leaf 28, back.

[122.] To³ all cristen men, &c². Knowe 3e all vs to haue i-graunted and to haue confermed to Ricarde fforster³ of Hensentoñ and to hys heyres, for his homage ande servuce, þe 3ifte and graunte þe which to hym made Eustach ffijt Raph of j. mese and iiij. acris in þe feldes of Hensyntoñ, with here pertinences,

1258, Nov. 28. Confirmation by Oseney, to Richard Forster and heirs, of the grant by Eustace son of Ralph, of a messuage, 2 acres in the North field, and 2 acres in the South-field,

that is to say, that mese, with þe pertinences, that Symon Kat sumtyme helde; and ij. Acris of Arable londe in þe Northfelde, of þe which j. dñ. Acre lyeth by Dene bache⁴, and j. forere lyeth by slichy⁵, and ij. dñ. Acres lyen in the telth þe which is i-called Orchardes fforlong; In the Sowthfelde, j. dñ. Acre lyeth euyñ Azenst þe howse þe which is of william lang hals, And j. halfe Acre lyeth at Wowyne⁶ Hegge, And j. dñ. Acre lieth abowe þe wey the which ledeth to Trope, and j. dñ. acre lieth bitwene þe pycke burne path and grene wey: to be holde and

¹ Marginal note:—'Hensyngton.'

² In MS. this deed is marked by a big bracket and the name 'Hensynton' written beside it. The holding of Richard Forster here mentioned is one of those involved in

nos. 117, 118.

³ 'le forester' in the Latin.

⁴ 'Linche' in the Latin.

⁵ 'iuxta Rithi.'

⁶ 'Woluyne.'

at quit-rent
of 2s. 6d.,
with suit of
court and
homage.

to be had, to þe saide *Richard* and to his eyres, for ij. s. and vj. d. zerey to vs and to our successours in the day of Seynte Marten at Hensenton for euer to be payde for all seruice, sauynge to vs and to our successours sute of our courte of the forsaide *Richard* and his heyres, and sauynge to vs homage aforsaide, And that hit schall not be lefull to the forsaide *Richard* and to his eyres oony thyng of the forsaide londes and mese to oony man to ley to wedde¹, seffe, or to bequeth, without speciaff licens of thabbot of Oseneye and the Couent. Of þe which thyng, &c².

Reference
to no. (?) 21.

[123.] HIT² is to be mynded that thabbot of Oseneye hath in the towne of Hensynton þe tithe of j. hide [of] londe perteynyng to the church of Seynte George of þe gifte of Robert Doyly, as hit is open in the title of 'the³ ffundacion of the Howse of Oseney,' the which londe þe templarijs holden.

[Knights
Templars.]

Reference
to nos. (?)
120-1.

[124.] ALSO þabbot hath j. hide of londe in the same towne, with A mese, medys, and oþer pertinences. 16

Reference
to no. 92.

[125.] ALSO note that we [have] a thyng to be remembrud of 'An Inquisicion i-made of our ffredoms in Hensynton of Sute not to be doo at þe Hundrede of Worton⁵.

[XX. WYTHULLE.]

Reference
to nos. 21,
26, 29, 41.

[126.] ABBOT of Oseneye hath in Whithuff ij. parties of 20 þe scheves of all the Demayne sumtyme of Sire Hugh Wythulle, Knyght, and of ryght of all thyng the which is wonyd to be tithed perteynyng to the church of Seynte George, of þe gifte of [the] Doyllys, and confirmacioñ of Bisshopes and of þe chapter of lincoln and of popis of Rome.

[XXI. GREAT BARTON.]

* leaf 29.
Reference
to nos. 129,

[127.] * HIT is to be knowe what⁶ we haue in grete Barton þe church with þe chapeff of Sanforde and lodewell of þe

¹ 'invadiare.'

² In the MS. the four deeds (nos. 123-6), are marked by brackets, and in each case 'Nota' in the margin.

³ Apparently in error for 'How St. George's church was given to Oseney':

p. 22/4.

⁴ 'habemus memorandum de inquisitione.'

⁵ 'de Wottona,' correctly, in the Latin.

⁶ Read 'that': 'Sciendum quod habemus.'

ȝifte of Roge^r of Seynte John, and þe graunte of Hugh and Robert Bysshops of lincoln and of the chapiter of þe same, and confirmacion of Guale cardinale and legate, with þe confirmacion of pope Honorye the thirdde.

37, 133-4,
136.

[128.] In ¹ the Baylyfwyke of Barton þen conteyned þese : þat is to say, Grete Barton or þe more Barton, Barton odonis, Westcote Barton, Saunforde, ledewell, Groue, Rowlesham, Heyforde, litull Tywe, þe more Tywe, and Dunstywe.

[129.] To all þe soonys of holy church to þe which þis present writyng shall come Roger i. of Seynte John helth in our lorde. Knowe ȝe all [me], with assent and consent of William my Broþer, to haue i-ȝefe and to haue i-graunted, and with this present charter haue i-confermed, to þabbot and chanons of þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye, for my helth and of myne and for þe Sowles of my aunceturs, þe church of Barton, in-to ffree and pure almes, with his pertinences, in tithis, in londres, in men, in howses, in medys and pastures, in weyes and pathis, and in all oþer thynges and fredoms and free customs the which þe forsaide church eu^r had in tyme of oony of my aunceturs whenne þeye had þeme best ² and fulliest. And this my ȝifte, that hit þe moo^r sure^r and stedfast^r here-after may be, I maade hit in þe presente ³ of lorde John of Constances, Archedecun, and of all þe chapiter at Oxenforde. These witnysses, &c^o.

About
1190 ?
Grant to
Oseney, by
Roger (I) of
St. John,

of the
rectory of
Great Bar-
ton (see in
no. 37).

[130.] To all cristen men to the which this present writyng schall come John of saynte John helth in our lorde. Knowe ȝe all me, for my helth and of myne, to haue i-grauntid, and with this present charter to haue i-confermed, to god and to the church of saynte marie of Oseneye and to the chanons there seruyng god, the ȝifte the which Roger of Seynte John my fadu^r made to the same church and chanons vppoⁿ the church of Barton : to be had and to be hold to the same, in-to pure free and perpetuell almes, with all his pertinences, In tithis, In

About
1215.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
John (I) of
St. John, of
his father's
gift as in
no. 129.

¹ Nos. 128-34 are marked in the MS. with a line drawn right down the leaf; and several of them have 'Nota' or other

marginal mark.

² 'melius et plenius.'

³ By a slip for 'presence.'

londes, men, howses, medys and pastures, weyes, patthis, and in all other thynges, freedoms, and fre customs, the which euer had þe forsaide church in the tyme of oony of my aunceturs when hit had theme best and fulliest, as þe charter of my saide fadur 4 (the which vppon [this] þey haue) witnesseth. And that this my graunte and confirmacion bide sure and stedfaste for Euer, ꝑ.

Reference
to no. 141.

[131.] BARTON. The charter of John ij. of Seynt John seke after, the which was Nevywe of the helder John and 8 the soone of Roger the secunde.

About
1170.
Grant to
Steeple
Barton
church,
by Roger
(I) of St.
John, of a
quarter-
yardland,
* leaf 29,
back.
viz. $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres
in North-
field,
and $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres
in South-
field,

with a
bond-
widow ten-
ant and
her son,
and $\frac{1}{2}$ an
acre of
meadow,
for leave
to have a
chantry in
his chapel,
except on

[132.] To all soonys of our hooly modur the church to the which this present charter shall come Roger of Seynt John helth. To the knowlegynge of 3ow all I wyll hit come me 12 to haue i-zeve, and to haue i-grauntid, to god and to the church of Seynte marie of Barton, in-to pure and perpetuefl almes, thre acris of londe and the iiij. parte of j. acre in oon felde; and al so much in a-nother felde; In the Northfelde, ij. acris and the 16 iiij. parte of j. acre * þe which lieth Above Wadbreech, and the thirde Acre þe which lieth by Bryctewelle nygh be the wey; In the Sowthfelde, gorys the which godric helde the which makeñ ij. acres, and the thirde acre the which is the hede of 20 the gorys, and the iiij. parte of j. acre the which lyith by that londe 1 and that londe the which lyith bitwene þe courte of the person of the nowe-saide church and the howse of Ailmare as the newe Dicke and the wall of my Barton 2 closeth: fforþer- 24 more, I haue i-zeve and i-grauntid, to god and to þe forsaide church, anneys my natife or bonde-woman 3 (the which was the wife of Odo), with Raph the soone of the same Anneys; and dñ. Acre of mede at Rogheford the which lieth to 4 the mede of 28 Water ffrankeleyne: to be hold, of me and my heyrys, frely and quietly, fro all seruice and seculer exaccion. This 3ifte and graunt I made for A chaunterye to be had in my chaPELL of Barton, free and quietly fro the subieccion of the modur church, 32 outetake that pat at v. days solemne 5 (pat is to say, of the

¹ Read 'acre.' The words which follow are probably part of the boundaries of this rood, and not a further item of the grant.

² 'de bertona mea.' For this word see in no. 178.

³ An alternative rendering. The Latin is 'Agnetam nativam meam que fuit.'

⁴ 'adiacet prato.'

⁵ 'ad quinque dies solemnes.'

Birth of our lorde; In the Daye of goodefridaye; In the
 Daye of Estur; In Witsondaye; and In the Daye of the
 Assumpcion of our laydy) I and my howsold to the modur
 4 church schall come, if by case¹ in that tyme hit happen
 me pere to Abide; and whatsoever chapeleyne I holde²,
 By the sacrament of feith hee schall be bownde that to
 the modur church and to the mynsters pere seruyng god [he]
 8 shall kepe feythe; and, as pe custom is, if hit happe my wife
 to be i-spedde in child-beryng at Barton, at pe modur church
 her purificacion sche [shall] make; And if hit happe me
 thorough all the lent to tary or to Abide³ at Barton, my
 12 howsholde, pe which shall be with me, of the chapeleyne of
 the modur church confession shall take. And that this my
 gifte, &c².

five chief days
 when he and
 his household
 must attend
 the parish
 church.

His chaplains
 to take oath
 not to injure
 the parish
 church.

His wife is to
 be churched
 at the parish
 church and to
 pay her offer-
 ing there.

His household
 is to make
 Easter con-
 fession at the
 parish church

[133.] GUALE, By the mercy of god, title of Seynte Marteyne 121⁷,
 16 preste cardinaill, popis legat, to the loued Soones Abbot and
 chanons of Oseneye helth in our lorde. To ryghful desires of
 axer it is worthy vs to 3eve li3ht assent and the Desires the
 wich discorde not fro the pathe of reson with⁴ effecte (or doying)
 20 folowyng to fulfille. Perfore, beloued Soones in oure lorde,
 to 3ow⁵ ryghful axynges with free assent we hauyng course,
 pe church of Barton with the chapel of Sanforde and with oper
 her pertinences, pe which to 3ow the worschipfull fadu^r, Hugh,
 24 Bisshop of lincoln, of the consent of his chapiter, with the saide
 chapel and oper pertinences, in-to pere⁶ owne vsis, to pe sus-
 teynyng of poor men and pilgrimes, graunted; as hit appereth
 by his open⁶ instrument to 3ow and by 3ow to 3ow^r church as in
 28 that Instrument fully Is i-conteyned; By the auctorite of the
 legacie the which we haue we conferme and with the help
 of this present wrytyng we make sure. Therfore hit shall not
 vturly be lawfull to oony man to Breke this our wrytyng or to
 32 goo agaynste hit with a frowarde boldenes; and if oony man
 this presume to attempte, the Indignacion of Almy3ghty god
 and of the hooly church of rome knowe 3e hym-selfe to be runne

Jan. 19.
 Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney,
 by Gualo,
 cardinal
 and legate,

of Great
 Barton
 church and
 Sandford
 chapel,
 as in
 no. 134.

Anathema
 against
 violators.

¹ 'si forte tunc temporis.'

² 'retinero.'

³ Alternative rendering of the one word
 'morari.'

⁴ 'effectu prosequente complere.'

⁵ Read 'your': 'in usus proprios.'

⁶ 'publicum.'

in. Datum at Abendon the xiiij. Rk of februarye, of the Bisshop-
 * leaf 30. hooode of lorde * Honorye pe thirde the secunde 3ere.

1217,
 Oct. 14.
 Confirmation
 to
 Oseney,
 by the
 diocesan,

of Steeple
 Barton
 rectory, as
 in no. 129,
 to sustain
 poor men
 and pil-
 grims,
 as also the
 chapel of
 Sandford,

the rela-
 tion be-
 tween
 which and
 Barton
 church
 is obscure

(subject to
 the life-
 interest of
 William of
 St. John,
 now rector),

[134.] To all cristen men to the which this present charter
 shaft come Hugh¹, By the grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, helth 4
 in oure lorde. We attendyng pe Religioñ and honest conuersa-
 cion of oure loued soones thabbot and chanons of Oseneye, for
 the sake of goddis mercy, we haue Decreyd, of the assent of the
 deen and chapter of lincoln, the church of Barton with pe per- 8
 tinencis (whoos aduocacion they haueñ of the zifte of Roger of
 Seynte John, of the same church patrone) in-to pere owne vses,
 to pe susteynyng of powre men and pilgrymys to graunte and
 By the Bisshopes auctorite to conferme. Truly, for-asmuch as 12
 pey² saide the church of Saunforde to be pe modur church, And
 oper seyde hit to be a chapeñ to pe church of Barton per-
 teynyng, we, willyng vppon pis fully to be i-certified, [caused]
 an Inquisicion perof to be maade diligent³ By the Archdecon of 16
 the place and by feithfull men in the chapter⁴. Pe which all,
 i-swore, vndur pe Dewte of pere oothe seide hit to be per-
 teynyng as a chapeñ to pe church of Parton. But napeles
 as A modur church we haue i-founde hit, of all Burtons and 20
 customs Episcopals and Archidiaconals answeyng. Whereof
 a⁵ counsell i-had of the deen and of owr chapter, of the
 counsell of wise men, pe forsaide church of Barton, with pe
 chapeñ of Sannforde, with oper pertinences, to pe forsaide 24
 Abbot & couent for Eueñ we haue i-grauntid in-to per owne
 vses; to pe susteynyng of hospitalite A-forsaide to be conuertid
 or turne⁶, sauynge pe Bisshop and archedecons customs of pe
 forsaide chapeñ of Saunforde, of⁷ pe modur church as wee haue 28
 i-saide afore, sauynge also to william of Seynte John persone
 of pe church of Barton and of Saunforde in⁸ his pesible pos-
 session while he leueth. Also we ordeyne that, after pe decese
 of pe forsaide person, a conuenient chapeleyne to vs & to our 32

¹ Hugh of Wells, bishop of Lincoln,
 1209-35.

² Read 'some': 'quidam dicebant.'

³ 'diligentem': agreeing with 'inquisi-
 tionem.'

⁴ i. e. of the rural deanery.

⁵ Read 'the consent': 'Unde habito con-
 sensu.'

⁶ Alternative rendering of 'converten-
 dam.'

⁷ Read 'as of a': 'tanquam de ecclesia
 matrice.'

⁸ Omit 'in.' The translator has for-
 gotten that he is rendering an ablative
 absolute: 'salva . . . possessione.'

successours to be perpetuell vicariage of pe church of Barton, of thabbot and couent, be presentid, pe which shaill take, In pe name of pe perpetuell vicariage, all pe Auterage of pe
 4 same church, with dñ. hide of londe to pe same church perteynyng, and with an howse pe which Thomas Senex helde; and to be perpetuell vicariage of pe chapeill of Saunforde be presentid also to vs & to our successours a conuenient
 8 chapeleyne, pe which shaill take all pe obuencion^s (or¹ vayles) of pe Auter of pe same chapeill, with pe smale tithis, and with iiij. acris and dñ. to pe smale² chapeill perteynyng. And the vicare to be which hit longeth to serue pe chapeill of
 12 ledwell shaill make hit to be i-seruyd as hit ofteth, and he shaill take pe thride parte of all tithis of grove³ for nedefull susteynyng of a chapeleyne and pe forsaide vicares all burdon^s of pe forsaide church and chapeill at⁴ Saunforde
 16 shaill susteyne Episcopals and archidiaconals i-wonyd⁵, outetake pe herborogh⁶ of pe Bisshop and of pe Archidecon. And pat all pese aforethynges sure and vnbroke Abide, pem with this present wrytyng and with our [seal] we haue i-willed
 20 to be confermed, Sauyng in all thynges pe Bisshops customs and pe dignite of pe church of lincoln. Thes witnesses, &c².

the services to be undertaken by perpetual vicars.

The vicar of Barton shall have (a) the altarage, (b) half a hide of land, (c) a house; the vicar of Sandford shall have (a) the altarage, (b) the small tithes, (c) 4½ acres of land;

one or other to serve Ledwell chapel, and take ⅓rd of the tithes of Grove.

Said vicars to pay ecclesiastical charges, but not to be subject to 'herborogh' of bishop or arch-deacon.

[135.] To all cristen pepull to pe which this present wrytyng schall come Hugh⁷, By pe grace of god Bisshop of
 24 lincoln, helth in our lorde. Leste poo Benefettes pe which ben i-geve to religiouse by for-getyng ofttymes⁸ to be i-beried mowe, and to be withdrawe by schredenes⁹ of cursed men, we haue i-willed to take¹⁰ pem to pe Surenyse of wrytyng and to make
 28 hit sure with pe help of our seele: pefore to pe knowlegyng of

About 1190? Confirmation to Osenev,

by the diocesan,

¹ An alternative rendering: 'omnes obuenciones altaris.'

² Read 'same': 'ad eandem capellam.'

³ Marginal note:—'Grove.'

⁴ Read 'of': 'de.'

⁵ Note the plural suffixes of the adjectives: 'onera... episcopalia et archidiaconalia consueta.'

⁶ 'hospitium.'

⁷ It is possible that this confirmation is by Hugh of Avalon, bishop of Lincoln 1186-1200. The preceding charter, appointing vicarages, is by Hugh of Wells, but is placed first through the prevalent

error which ascribes Hugh of Wells's acts to his more famous predecessor. Rev. H. Salter notes that the original of no. 134 (in Christ Church Treasury) is correctly endorsed 'Carta Hugonis episcopi, quondam archidiaconi Wellensis,' but that an early hand has inserted 'Sci.' before Hugonis.

⁸ Read 'of times': 'temporum obliuione possint sepeiri.'

⁹ i. e. shrewdness: 'malignorum prauitate.'

¹⁰ 'commendare.'

of Black-
bourton
chapel,

* leaf 30,
back.

and Steeple
Barton
Church.

3ow all we will hit come vs to haue ferme, and to conferme with
pe present charter, pe 3iftes, as pey haue i-be made resonably, to
god' and to pe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to pe
chanons *pere seruyng* god', of ou'r i-loued' soones * in criste Raph 4
Murdac^o and Hugh of Bourton vppon the chapell of Bourton,
and of Roger of Seynte John vppon the church of Barton.
The which that hit may be had' ferme and sure with this
present writyng and with ou'r seele we haue i-wylled to be 8
i-strenghtid, &c^o.

1220,
Apr. 20.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Hono-
rius III,

of no. 134.

Anathema
against
violators.

[136.] HONORY, Bisshop, seruaunt of pe seruauntes of god, ꝑ.
To ryghtfull peticion's hit is worþi vs to 3eue lyght consentyng
and to fille Effectually pe Desires pe which discorde not fro the 12
path of resoñ: *Perfore*, well beloued' soones in ou'r lorde, to 3our
ryghtfull axinges we willyng with goode assent, pe church of
Barton with pe chapell of Sanforde and *pere oþer pertinences*,
pe which ou'r worschipfull Brother Bisshop of lincoln, diocesañ 16
of the place, with consent of his chapter and of pe patrones of
pe same church comyng-to¹, to 3ow, to 3our sustenaunce, with
goode and wise liberalnesse hath i-grauntid (as in the same
Bisshops letters is i-conteyned), to 3ow, and by 3ow to 3owr 20
church, By the Apostles auctorite, we conferme and make sure
with pe help of this writyng. *Perfore* of ou'r confirmacion or to
goo Agaynste hit schall not be vtturly to noo mañ lefull or
to goo Agaynste hit with frowarde boldenesse; And' if oony 24
to attempte *presumyth*, pe Indignacion of Almyghty god' & of
his Blessed' apostles petur and' paule knowe he hym-self to haue
i-Runne In. The Date, at Viterbe, the xij. k̄k of May, of his
Bisshop-hode pe iiij. 3ere. 28

About
1220?
Grant to
Oseney, by
John of
St. John,
of pasture
for 6 oxen,
2 cows,

[137.] Know they that be present and to be that I, John of
Seynte John², ffor my helth and' of my aunceturs, haue i-3eue,
graunted, and' with my present charter [confermed], to god' and'
to pe church of seynte Marye of Oseneye and to pe chanons *pere* 32
seruyng god', in-to ffree pure and' perpetuell Almes, pasture³ in
my Demayne to vj. oxen and ij. kyne and to two bestes⁴ where

¹ 'accedente' agreeing with 'consensu.'

² Died 1230.

³ 'Nota' in margin.

⁴ 'averia.'

my shepe¹ of Bartoñ feede, and to lx. shepe where my shepe
 feede, and free Entryng and owte-gooyng to þe same pastures,
 and pasture to xx. of there hogges where my hogges fede: and
 4 in-to wisse of this thyng to þis present writyng my seele
 I haue i-put. These witnesses, &c².

2 bullocks
 (or steers),
 60 sheep,
 and 20 pigs.

[138.] THIS is þe finall accorde i-made In þe courte of our 1247,
 lorde Kyng at oxonforde, fro þe Day of þe Holy trinite in-to þe June.
 8 xv. Dayes, in þe 3ere of the reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone Agreement
 of Kyng John xxxj., afore Roger of Turkelby, Gilbert of preston, between
 Mayster Symon of Bampton³, and John Goveham³, Justices Oseney and
 Jorneyng, and other feythfull men of our lorde þe Kyng thenne Roger (II)
 12 þere beyng present, Bitwene John, Abbot of Oseney, playner, of St. John
 and Roger of Seynte John, deforc.⁴, of xxv. acris of londe and [in respect
 j. Mille, with þe pertinences, in Odebartoñ⁵, and of xv. acris of of (a) 25
 londe and iij. Mesys, with þe pertinences, in stepulbartoñ and acres and a
 16 oxenforde, whereof þe plee⁶ of 'conuencion' whas i-summonyd mill (with
 bitwene them in þe same courte⁷: and bitwene thabbot, playner, its water-
 and þe forsaiðe Roger, letter⁸, of þe pasture to vj. oxen, twey supply and
 kyne, and two bestes⁹, lx. shepe, and xxi hogges, in þe Demayne fishing-
 20 pasture of þe same Roger in stepulbartoñ, and whereof [the¹⁰ rights) in
 plea of] 'warantize of A charter' was i-summonyd bitwene þeñ Barton
 in the same courte, þat is to say, that þe same Roger aforsaiðe Odonis(as in
 receyuyng¹¹ þe forsaiðe xv.¹² acris of londe and þe forsaiðe no. 143), (b)
 24 Milfe, with þe pertinences, in Odebartoñ, also with þe ponde 15 acres in
 and water of þe same Mylfe and fisshyng of þe same water, Steeple Bar-
 as muche as to þe same Roger and to hys heyres perteynyth, ton, (c) 3
 how¹³ muche þe clo*se of þe same Abbot durith, and also the messuages
 28 forsaiðe iij. mesys, with the pertinences, in oxonforde, that is to in Oxford,
 say, j. mese that is Bitwene Segrym of the corner and the lond of (d) of
 that was of Andrewe tod, and that mese that Roger pompe pasture as
 sumtyme helde in the parisch of seynt Mildrith, and that mese in no. 137),
 32 that Water Brehull sumtyme helde in the parisch of seynte by which
 Roger of
 St. John
 granted to
 Oseney (a);
 and (b);
 * leaf 31.
 and (c);

¹ Read 'oxen': 'boves' in Latin.

² 'de Bauton,' in Latin: read Wauton.

³ 'Cobeham,' in Latin.

⁴ 'deforciantem.'

⁵ Name noted in margin. Ode-Barton = Barton Odonis, a manor in the parish of Great Barton.

⁶ 'placitum conventionis.'

⁷ 'Nota' in margin.

⁸ 'impedientem.'

⁹ 'duos afferros.'

¹⁰ 'placitum warancie carte.'

¹¹ Read 'acknowledged': 'recognovit.'

¹² The Latin has, correctly, 'xxv.'

¹³ i. e. as far as the enclosure belonging to the abbot of Oseney reaches.

(with leave
to enclose
the land
in Steeple
Barton and
its appen-
dent pas-
ture

[pasture 'in
defence']
absolutely
to the use
of Oseney,

except for a
foot-path),

and (d).

John Baptiste, to be the ryght of the same Abbot and of his church of Oseneye, and them he relese^d and quite-claymed, of hym-selfe and of his heyres, to the forsaide Abbot and to his successours and to his church for Euer; and furpermore pe 4 same Roger remittid And grauntid the forsaide xxv. acris¹ of londe, with the pertinences, in Stepulbarton to be thee ryght of the same Abbot and of his church of Oseneye, so that hit schaff be lawfull to pe same Abbot and to his successours to 8 close [the foresaid] xv. acres of londe, and also all the pasture of the same Abbot the wich lieth Bitwene pe forsaide xv. acris of the londe And the churcherde of the church of stepulbarton and the courte of the same Abbot in pe same towne, with waffe, 12 dich, or haye, and hit in-to defence to put and² his profite perof at his wylle to doo, withoute agayne-saying to³ the same Roger and to⁴ his heyres, withoute cony clayme or⁴ cony ryght or commune pe which pe same roger or his heyres mowen⁵ 16 clayme or axe within pe forsaide close for Euer, sauyn^g to pe same Roger and to his heyres A pathe porowgh pe middull of pe same close fro pe stile of pe forsaide church of⁶ pe forsaide Mille of Odebarton By the which hym-selfe and all his men 20 may goo and to come for here wylle vppoⁿ foote allonly as pat pathe was pe day in pe which pis Acorde whas i-maade: and also pe same Roger receyued⁷ pe forsaide pasture to vj. oxen, 24 ij. kyne, ij. bestes, lx. schepe, and xx. hogges, in pe Demayne pasture of the same Roger and of his heyres⁸ in the same towne where the Demayne bestes of the same roger and of his heyres fede, that is to say, to oxen with oxen, to kyne with hys kyne, to bestes with his Bestes, to shepe with his shepe, to hogges 28 with his hogges, to be the ryght⁹ of the same Abbot and hys aforesaide church, as hit pe which pe predecessours of the same Abbot [and¹⁰ his foresaid church have had of the gift of John son of Roger, father of said Roger, whose heir he is. And the 32 same Abbot] and his successours schaff haue and holde pe fore-

¹ The Latin has, correctly, 'xv.'

² i. e. 'and to do (i. e. make) his profit.'
The English follows the Latin order.

³ Read 'of.'

⁴ Read 'of': 'absque aliquo clamio alienius iuris vel commune.'

⁵ 'poterunt clamare.'

⁶ Read 'to': 'usque ad.'

⁷ Read 'acknowledged': 'recognovit.'

⁸ MS. repeats 'in the Demayne pasture of the same Roger and of his heyres.'

⁹ MS. adds 'of the ryght,' in error.

¹⁰ Added from the Latin.

saide xv. acris and¹ londe, and the forsaide pasture, with his pertinences, of þe forsaide Roger & his [heirs], in-to pure and perpetueñ almes, frely and quietly fro all seculer seruike and
 4 exaccion for Eueñ: and the same Roger and his heyres schaff warantize, aquite, and Defende, to the same Abbot and to his successours and to his church aforesaide, þe forsaide xv. Acris of londe, and all þe foresaide pasture, with his pertinences, as it
 8 is i-saide afore, as ffree pure and his perpetueñ almys, agaynste all men for Eueñ. And as² for this relese, ande quyte-clayme, warantizing, acquityng, defendyng, fine, and concorde, þe forsaide Abbot *recognized* and grauntid³ x. marke³ of londe, with þe
 12 pertinences, in the foresaide towne of stepulbarton, þat is to say, all that telth, with þe pertinences, þe which lieth Bitwene þe howse þe which whas sumtyme of Richard prynke and Brecforlonge, with the mede of Blacwell that to þo þe⁴ x. acris
 16 of londe perteyneth, as⁵ ryght of the same Roger, as þoo þe which þe aunceturs of the same Roger had in-to Eschaunge for the⁶ x. acris of londe of the forsaide xv. acris within the forsaide close: to be had and to be holde, to the same Roger and
 20 to his heyres, free and quiete fro all [secular] service and exaccion for Eueñ: And the same Abbot and his successours schaff warantize, aquite, and defende, to þe same Roger and to his heyres, the foresaide x. acris of londe, with the foresaide
 24 mede, and all his other pertinences, free ande^{*} quite fro all seculer seruike & exaccion agaynste all men for Eueñ.

In return Oseney recognized Roger (II) of St. John's right to ten acres and meadow in Steeple (i. e. Great) Barton, obtained by exchange from Oseney.

* leaf 31, back.

[139.] THIS is the conuencion⁷ i-maade bitwene thabbot and Couent of Colchester of the oone parte, and thabbot and Couent
 28 of Oseney of the oper, that is to say, þat the foresaide Abbot and munkes haue i-grauntid and take to þe saide chanons all the tithis (both more ande smale) towchyng them in the parishes [of⁸ the churches] of Barton⁹ and of Sanforde⁹ and in ledewell⁹

About 1222. Perpetual lease to Oseney, by St. John's Abbey, Colchester,

¹ Read 'of.'

² Omit 'as.'

³ Read 'acres,' as in the Latin, and lower down.

⁴ Omit 'þe.'

⁵ i. e. 'to be the right': 'esse ius.'

⁶ Omit 'the.'

⁷ In 1222, about June, a council was held at Oxford, to make canons conform-

able to those of the Lateran Council of 1215. The abbot of Colchester may well have attended this, and talked over the Barton property with the abbot of Oseney. Oseney had just acquired (no. 136) the rectory of Barton. See *The Essex Review*, xiv. 149.

⁸ Added from the Latin.

⁹ Names noted in the margin: but spelling 'Sandeford.'

of Colchester tithes and lands in this district,

for £3 yearly,

under penalty of £6 13s. 4d. on occasion of each failure to pay the rent; with obligation to entertain at Oseney the Abbot of Colchester, his retinue, and eight horses, for three days on each occasion of his coming near Oxford. Lease to begin upon expiry of the existing lease to John son of William of St. John.

Colchester to give warranty, if needed, but Oseney to pay the costs. Provisions

Ande in Groue, of the londe of John of Seynte John, with ij. Acriis of londe the which pey had in Barton for A mansion (or¹ Dwelling), [and² for one mansion] that they had at Sanforde with j. Acre of londe pere, pe which John of Seynte John, clerke, helde 4 of the same: to be had and to be holde, to the saide chanons, of the forsaide Munckes, in the name of A perpetueñ ferme, 3eldyng perof 3erely lx. 3. of Sterlynges within viij. dayes nexte goyng befor pe feste of the natiuite of Seynte John Baptiste at 8 colchester. And if the foresaide chanons, at pe terme i-sett, the foresaide rent pay not to the foresaide place, pat pey schaff 3eve to the foresaide Munckes al so ofte as hit happeneth x. marke in the name of A peyne, at pe warnyng of pabbot of colchester, 12 in A certeyne day of hym i-3eve, to be i-browght In; And if nede call pabbot of Colchester in-to pe Cuntreis³ of oxonforde, hit schaff be Dewe to pe same Abbot and to his men and to viij. horsis⁴ in the Howse of Osney conuenient purueyng⁵, 16 by thre Dayes, if the same Abbot so longe pere if⁶ will Abide; and safe schaff Abide and be to John fñt William of Seynte John, clerke, of⁷ pe saide monkes his ferme vppoñ pe same tithis and aforsaide londes the which he holdeth of theme, vnto 20 his full terme and not by-3onde; and if within pe terme hee dye or els⁸ lefe to haue thoo tithis, pe foresaide chanons aff poo tithis anone schaff take and haue, and froo that tyme forthe for them pe foresaide money 3erely to pay schaff Begynne, so (that is 24 to say) that, in the first 3ere after pey haue bee in possession of pe foresaide tithis, afore pe takyng of pe ffrutis of the first 3ere, pey schaff pay afore-handes to pe foresaide Munckes pe rent of aff oone hoole 3ere hooly, that is to say, lx. 3. and after- 28 [wards⁹, after having received the fruits of the second year, the foresaid yearly rent] pay schaff pay in the foresaide terme and place i-sett: and the ry3ght of pe foresaide tithis been i-holde thabbot and Munckes of Colchester to the same chanons, 32 with pe costis of pe same chanons, to warantije. Also hit is to be knowe pat¹⁰ by noone oldenyssse fro pe mynde of men py¹¹

¹ Alternative rendering of 'pro manso.'

² Added from the Latin. The inverted order of words is also in the Latin. Read: 'and with j. acre of londe that they had at Sanforde for one mansion pere.'

³ 'in partes Oxon.'

⁴ 'et viii. equitaturis.'

⁵ 'procuracio competens.'

⁶ Omit 'if.'

⁷ 'dictorum monachorum firma sua.'

⁸ 'vel aliter.'

⁹ Added from the Latin.

¹⁰ i. e. 'that, lest by any *velustas*, etc.'

¹¹ Read 'this': 'dimissio ista.'

lettyng-owte, as hit is above i-write, hit be i-callid' agayne¹, þat, al so of[t] hit is i-say to þe munckes to be goode, þis scripture (or writyng) of[t] to be renewed' with newe selynge of þe seale of
 4 þe chapiter of Oseneye. Also þe prelate of þe church of Osney i-chaungid' the which is now, all þe prelates succedyng to hym, the prelates² by them-selfe or þere procuratour, in þe chapiter of Seynte John of Colchester, with-in xl. dayes fro þere intronizacion, to come they ofte to make ffewte vppon the foresaide thynges, to offer oone Besaunte of goolde þere in-to þe hande of þe presidente, þe same chanons with þe foresaide peyne to be i-punyssed' and³ this be not obserued'. Also þe same Abbot and
 12 chanons charchis⁴ Burdonð to þe same tithis schaff Euer susteyne. And in-to þe strengþ of þe same thyng perpetueñ⁵, and witnesse, the foresaide parties to this present writyng in-to two parties diuided' (or departid'), oþer to oþer, there seales haue
 16 i-putt. Of the which writyng partis at⁶ þe remembrið munckes and chanons Euerich to other Abiden.

for re-writing and re-sealing the deed, in case of damage. Each new abbot of Oseney (personally or by deputy) to renew these covenants at Colchester, and offer a bezant of gold, under penalty as above. Oseney to discharge all burdens due by said tithe.

[140.] *THE dedicacion of the church of Barton⁷, By reynolde⁸ Bisshop Clonense, in the diocese of lincoln, þe which
 20 church he halowed' in the stede of worschipsful fladur Richard⁹ By þe grace of god Bisshop of lincoln, xj. KK of Jule In the 3ere of owre lorde Mo CC lxxiij, with þe Auters of þe same church, grauntyng to all men and women, verely contrite and confessid',
 24 þe same church euery 3ere, the same saide day and þorowgh þe vtase, causa¹⁰ of deuocion, visityng, or¹¹ oony goode dedes doying, xl. dayes of pardoñ of penaunce to þem enionyd, in the stede, and by the auctorite, of þe saide lorde Bisshop of lincoln, to þe
 28 which he put to his seale: i-3eve þe daye and 3ere aforenamyd.

* leaf 32. 1273, June 21. Dedication of St. Mary's church, Great (i.e. Steeple) Barton, by deputy of the diocesan, with grant of indulgence at the anniversary.

¹ 'auocetur, quod, quociens visum fuerit monachis expedire, debet ista scriptura.'

² Repeated unnecessarily.

³ 'And' = 'if': 'si et hoc non fuerit observatum.'

⁴ *sic*. The Latin is 'onera eisdem decimis incidentia.'

⁵ 'perpetuum' agreeing with 'robur.'

⁶ 'penes memoratos monachos.'

⁷ Name noted in margin. The dedication may have been on occasion of rebuilding the church: but Rev. H. Salter tells me that, at this period, there were so many dedications in Lincoln diocese that it is

difficult to account for them by the rebuilding theory. The English greatly condenses the Latin.

⁸ i.e. Reginald, bishop of Cloyne. In 1273 he dedicated the churches of Weston-on-the-Green, Waterperry, Stone, and Barton, and a cemetery at Forest-hill. He died that year.

⁹ Richard de Gravesend, bishop of Lincoln (1258-81).

¹⁰ Latin word left untranslated, by a slip.

¹¹ 'seu aliqua de bonis sibi a deo collatis pie impenderint subsidia caritatis.'

128⁴, Jan.
Confirmation
to
Oseney, by
John (II) of
St. John,

of a mill &
5 yardlands
at Weston-
on-the-
Green,

of Steeple
Barton
rectory,

and of all
his pre-
decessors'
grants.

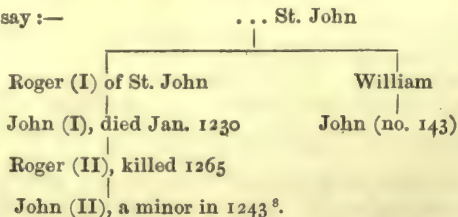
[141.] To all men this writyng to se or to hire, John of Seynte John, lorde of more Barton, helthi. Knowe 3e me to haue relesid' and' vturly to haue quite-claymed', for me and' my heyres and' myne assynes, to god' and' to þe church of Seynte marye of 4 Oseney and' to þe chanons þere seruyng' god', all the ry3ght and' clayme that I had, or in any maner wise my3ght haue, (in the¹ ry3ght and' clayme) in the² Milfe, and v. 3erdes of londe, with all the pertinences, in the towñ of Westoñ³ with-oute Burcetun⁴, 8 þe which is i-called Symones londe. I haue i-grauntid' also and' confermed', for me and' my heyres and' myne assynes for Eueŕ, to þe saide church and' chanons, the church of more Barton, the which they haue in-to *propur* vsis, with all here pertinences, 12 and' also all maner tenementis, with all possessions and' fredoms, the which they haue of 3iftes and' confermynges of myne aun- ceturs: to be had' and' to be holde, in-to free and' perpetuell almes, so that nother I, nother myne assynes, nother noone 16 in owre name, oony ry3ght or clayme in the fore-put thynges hereafter may axe or chalenge. In-to witnesse of the which, to this present writyng my seele I haue put to. These witnesses, Sire Richard Willamscote⁵, &c⁶. 20

This⁶ writyng was i-made afore sir Salomoñ of Rowchester and' his felaw Justices Jurneyng in oxforde-schire, after the fest of Saynte Hillarye in the 3ere of the rayne of Kyng Edward the Soone of Kyng Henry xiiij^o. 24

Notice of
the St.
John
family.

[142.] NOTE⁶ that this John of Saynte John was the soone and' heyre of Roger of Saynte John (the which 3afe to vs the church of Barton), and' gate Roger the which was i-sley in the Batell of Eyuesham⁷, and' that Roger gate John of Saynte John, 28

[NOTE.—That is to say :—



¹ Omit the bracketed words, repeated in error from above.

² Read 'a.'

³ Name noted in margin,

⁴ Bicester.

⁵ Of Kiddington, Sheriff of Oxfordshire this year.

⁶ 'Nota' in margin.

⁷ 'in bello de Euesham.'

⁸ *Testa de Neville*, p. 100 b.

It appears by no. 37 that William of St. John of no. 143 was brother of Roger (I). This will be noted as an instance of the marriage of clerics : cp. no. 147.]

[XXII.] ¶ BARTON ODONYS.

- [143.] Hit is to be noted that Odo of Barton feffid^r sumtyme Willyam of Saynte John, *person* of the church of more Barton, of ow^r Milfe of Barton, that Robert of Arsich confermyd^r to hym.
- 4 The saide Willyam, *person* aforesaide, feffid^r John of Saynte John, clerke¹, ys soon^d, of the saide Milfe with londes and his *pertinences*; and the same John in his laste wille Bequathe[d] saide mylle with londes and other *pertinences* to the Howse
- 8 of Oseney, as hit is open^d By his testament² seei^dyd with his seale and of his executours, the which 3e schall fynde i-write with-in þe title of 'the Borowgh of oxonforde,' and confirmacion vppon the same Milfe folowen in this title of 'Barton Odo.'
- 12 [144.] * KNOWE thoo that Be present and to be that I, William of Saynte John, 3afe, grauntid^r, and confermed^r and Deliu^rered, to John my norysch³, the Milfe of Barton, with all his *pertinences*, that I held^r and had of Odo, Kny3ght of Barton,
- 16 and of his heyres, the which is of the fee of Sir Robert Arsich and Dame lorette of ffontaynes and of Robert ffolioth, for homage and his *seruice*, with the mese and crofte and all the felde.
- [145.] KNOWE thoo that be present and to be that [I], William of Saynte John, 3afe, grauntid^r, and deliueryd^r, to John my norisch³, the mylle of Barton, with all his *pertinences*, that I held^r and had of Odo, Kny3ght of Barton, and of his Eyres, that is of the ffe of Sir Robert Arsich and of Dame lorette
- 24 of ffontaynes and of Robert ffolioth, for his homage and *seruice*, with a mese and crofte and⁴ all the felde londe the which longeth to the same Milfe,

Descent of Barton mill (as in no. 145),

as confirmed in no. 147.

* leaf 32, back. Unfinished draft of no. 145.

About 1200. Grant to John of St. John, clerk, by his father William, of a mill, messuage, and [an augmented half-yard-land?]

¹ 'clericum suum.'

² Printed in *Engl. Hist. Review*, April 1905.

³ The word 'norisch' = 'alumnus' was perhaps chosen because of the disrepute attaching to the marriage of clerics. In

nos. 143, 147, William is said to be father, and John, son. The Latin is: 'Iohanni nutrito meo.'

⁴ 'et cum tota terra campestri, que pertinet.'

viz. in one field, 8 acres of old land and 6 of increase; and, in the other field, the same amount.

[The sloe-tree.]

that is to say, in j. felde, ij. acris in Dennessewey¹, and ij. acris Bi the mede, and ij. acris in Willanesdene², and ij. vndur the langehale, and ij. By schuckelawe, and ij. By-zonde the way of Bamforde, and halfe j. By foxwell, and halfe j. By⁴ Caldewell, and j. By langlaslade³; and in the oper felde, ij. acris in the northe of the crosse By the wey, and halfe j. in Raggeweyfurlong⁴, and iij. half-acris in Crotlande, and iij. halfe-acris in myddulfurlong, and ij. at slo tre forde, and⁸ j. in the Northe of the way, and j. atte sloo tre forde, and j. halfe in Etefurlonge, and ij. in langefurlong, and ij. at sloo tre forde By the way, whereof vj. acris ben of newe feffement of myne Demayne, and viij. aforenamed of olde feffement¹² of iij. feys, Euenlike and⁵ the other felde: to be had & to holde, to hym and to hys Eyres, of me, or [to] whome-so-Euer (or⁶ all other) to zeve, to selle, or assyne he willet, frely quietly and pesibly, and quite fro all service and exaccion al so¹⁶ much as longeth to me or to myne, as charters and confirmacions the which of the foresaide Milte I had, By seruyce of the chefe lordes, witnesse. Thes witnesses, &c.²

About 1240? Grant to Oseney, by Henry of Saundon, of lands in Barton and Rousham, with manorial rights,

[146.] KNOWE thay that be now and to Be that I, Henry of²⁰ Saunder⁷, clerck, safe gauntid toke & deliuered, and with this present charter confermed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god & to þe church of Saynte mary of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all my londe that I had in þe towne of²⁴ Bartoñ and in the towne of Rolesham, with all seruices and seruages⁸, men, rentys, medis, fedynges and pastures, with all my courte, and with all the pertinences of the same londe, and what-so-Euer thyng in the foresaide towne of Bartoñ and²⁸ Rolesham, or withoute, I had or myȝht haue, withoute oony withholdyng to me and to my heyres: to be holde and to be had for Euer to a ffere ferme⁹, of me and my heyres, well and in pece, frely and holy and quietly fro all seculer service³² exaccion and Demaunde to me or to my heyres longyng, and the same chanons schall Bere all Burdon of the foresaide londe

¹ Demnesweye.

² Wylauesdene.

³ Langlaweslade.

⁴ Rugweyesfurlung.

⁵ For 'and' read 'in': 'Similiter in alio campo.'

⁶ Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

⁷ 'de Saundone.'

⁸ 'seruiciis et seruagiis.'

⁹ Read 'fee-ferme': 'ad feodifirmam.'

- in all thynges towarde the Kyng and the chefe lordes, zeldyng perof 3erely to me and to my heyres j. marke of Siluer at ij. termes, that is to say, at þe ffeſt of Saynte Marke [half¹ a mark] and at the ffeſt of Saynte Myzgheſſ Dj. a marke, at Barton, for all ſeruiſe, ſaue the ſeruiſe of iij. ʒ. that þe ſaide chanons ſchaſſ aquite towarde the Chefe lordes, * that is to say, <at² þe ffeſt of Saynte Marye> towarde Richard ffitz Odo, xvi. d.³
- 8 (that is to say, at Eſtur, viij. d. [and¹ at the feaſt of Saint Myzgheſſ, viii. d.]; and to Richard Foliot, iiij. d. (that is to say, at Eaſter, ii. d.,] and at þe ffeſt of Saynte Myzgheſſ ij. d.); Also to John De la Veſſell vj. d. at þe ffeſt of Saynt Myzgheſſ; Also
- 12 to Richard of morton x. d. at þe ffeſt of Seynte Myzgheſſ; and ſaue ſcutage, whenne hit goth thorowgh the londe, that þe foreſaide [canons] ſchaſſ aquite towarde Richard ffitz Odone and his heyres (þat is to say, ij. ʒ. iiij. d., how that euer þe ſcutage
- 16 goo, weþer it be more or laſſe), and ſaue to Richard ffolioth and to his heyres for ſcutage [xviii d.¹ in the ſame manner, and ſaue to Richard of Morton and his heirs ſcutage] as hit longeth⁴ to j. 3erde londe and j. dj.⁵, the which is of his fee. And I, Henry,
- 20 and my heyres, all þe foreſaide thynges to þe ſaide chanons ſchaſſ warantize agaynſte all meñ and women: and if⁶ oony caſe happe, þoo thynges that ben aforeſaide that we may not warantize the foreſaide chanons in all or in parte, for ſo
- 24 moch porcion as I and my heyres may not warantize to them, we ſchaſſ 3eue to them ſufficient Eſchaunge, by the vewe of lawfull meñ, in my othir londes to a conuenient valewe [and¹ we ſhall ſatisfy them for loſſes and expenſes, if they have in-
- 28 curred any towards any perſons,] for the Defaute of warantizing [of¹ me or of my heirs. And that this my grant] Be ſure and ſtedeaſt for Euer, hit with this preſent wrytyng and By the puttyng to of my ſeale I have i-ſtrengthid. Theſe witneſſe.
- 32 [147.] To all criſten meñ to þe wich this preſent wrytyng ſchaſſ come, Richard ffitz Odone helth. Knowe 3e all me to have i-grawntid; and with this preſent charter to haue i-con-

Oſeney to pay the king's demands, and quit-rents of 3s. to the chief lords, and 13s. 4d. to the meſne lord, * leaf 33.

and ſcutage when ſcutage is aſked.

About 1240 ? Confirmation to

¹ Added from the Latin.

² Omit the bracketed words, which are brought in in error.

³ 'xvi. d.,' correctly, in the Latin. The English in error has 'xv. d.'

⁴ 'secundum quod pertinet.'

⁵ MS. repeats 'dj.' in error.

⁶ i. e. 'and if anything occur to prevent our warantizing the aforesaid things to the said canons.'

Oseney,
by Richard
son of Odo,
as feudal
superior,
of (a) that
part of no.
146 which
is of his fee,

subject to
1s. 4d. quit-
rent to his
manor,
and a fixed
charge of
2s. 4d. when
scutage is
asked;
(b) the be-
quest of
John of
St. John,
clerk, as in
no. 143,

and in
no. 145,

subject to
quit-rent of
1s. to his
manor;

* leaf 33,
back.
with re-
nunciation

fermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church
of Saynte mary of Oseney & to þe chanons in hit *seruyng* god,
þe gifte and Graunte þe which Henry of Saunde¹, clerke, made
to them by his charter of his londe, with þe *pertinences*, þe 4
which hee helde of my fee in the towne of Barton, and all that
he held of me in þe foresaide towne of þe foresaide fee, within the
towne or with-owte, and all that he helde or myght holde: to
be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons for Euer, of the 8
foresaide Henry and his heyres to fee ferme, well and in pece,
frely hooly and worschipfully, in Medys fedynges pasturis,
In waters wayes and patthis and Esementes, with fre Entryng
and gooyng owte, with freedoms and customs to þe foresaide 12
londe *perteynynng*, quietly fro all seculer *seruice* exaccion or
demaunde to me or to my heyres *perteynynng*, zeldyng to me
perof zereyly to me and to my heyres xvj. d. (that is to say,
at Estur viij. d. and at þe ffest of Saynte Mighel viij. d.), saue 16
to me and to my heyres ij. s. iiij. d. of scutage [when] that
renneth porowgh þe londe, how-so-euer þe scutage renneth, whe-
per at more or at lasse. fforþermore, I, Richard, for the helth
of my sowle and of myne aunceturs, grauntid and with this 20
present charter conformed to þe foresaide chanons, and ² for me
and myne heyres for euer, al so [much] as longeth to me and
myne heyres, the mylle of Barton, with þe mese, and Crofte, and
all þe felde londe to þe same Milfe *perteynynng*, and with all his 24
pertinences in the towne and withowte þe towne, the which
Milfe, with all his *pertinences*, John of Saynte John, Clerke,
to the Howse of Oseney zafe, be-quethid, and assined: to be
holde and to be had, to the saide chanons for Euer, in-to free 28
and *perpetuel* almes, well and in pece, with all the integrite or
hoolenysse in the which William of Saynte John, the fadu of
the saide John clerke, all þe foresaide thynges had and holde,
zeldyng to me and to my heyres zereyly at Estur xij. d. for all 32
seculer *seruice* exaccion and Demawnde to me or to my heyres
lengyng. And I, Richard, and my heyres, to þe foresaide
chanons for Euer quite have i-clay³med of³ wardes, relefs,
Eschetes, and of Sutes of my cowrte and of my heyres, and of all 36
exaccions, quarels, and Demaundes, *seruices*, Bondages⁴, and all

¹ Saundone.

² Omit 'and.'

³ 'Canonicos . . . quietos clamauimus de wardis.'

⁴ 'servitutibus.'

maner Burdons, so that nother I, nother noone of my heyres or successours, oony thyng of all the same Demaundes, Burdons, services, or Bondages, of þe foresaide chanons, noþer of none
 4 oþer, may axe for Euer, as¹ to all þe foresaide tenementes with all there pertinences, saue to me and to myne heyres allonly the foresaide rentys, Also² and the foresaide scutage. And for [this] graunte, quite-clayme, and confirmacion þe saide
 8 chanons ʒafe to me ij. marke, and to Aliʒ my wife j. marke. And that my graunte, &c³.

of all other feudal claims,

Oseney paying £1 6s. 8d. to the confirmor, and 6s. 8d. to his wife.

[148.] To all cristen [men] to whome this presente writyng schaff come Richard ffolioth of Rolesham helth. Knowe ʒe
 12 all me to have grauntid, and with my present charter to have confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to the church of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to the chanons þere seruyng god, the ʒifte and Graunte the which to them made by
 16 his charter Henry of Saunde³, clerke, of all his londe, with his pertinences, the which he helde of my ffee in Barton and Rolesham, that they [may] have and holde, hooly, frely, and pesibly, ʒeldyng ʒerely to me and to my heyres for the foresaide londe of
 20 Barton iiij. d. (that is to say, at Estur ij. d. and at þe feste of Saynte Migheñ ij. d.) and for scutage xvij. d. when and who⁴ so Euer it renne þorowgh all⁵ þe londe. Also for the foresaide londe of Rolesham, j. li. of Comyn at cristemasse, and
 24 xvij. d. for scutage whenne and whoo⁴ so euer it renne þorowgh alle⁶ þe londe, for all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde. fforþermore, I, Richard, for me and myne heyres, quite-clayme the foresaide chanons and þere men and the londes aforenamed;
 28 with þe pertinences oft hem, for euer, of relefs, all wardes, [and escheats] and sutes of my courte and of myne heyres, and of all other sutes, claymes, and Demaundes, and Burdons or charges, the which may be axid of that londe, al so moche as to me and
 32 myne heyres longeth, sauynge þe fornamed rentes and scutages. And for this graunte, confermyng, and quite-claymyng, the foresaide chanons ʒafe to me iiij. marke of siluer and dʒ. And that this graunte and quite-clayme, &c³.

About 1240? Confirmation to Oseney, by Richard Foliot, as feudal superior,

of that part of no. 146 which is of his fee,

subject to quit-rents of (a) 4d., with 1s. 6d. for scutage,

and (b) 1 lb. of cummin, with 1s. 6d. for scutage;

with renunciation of all other feudal claims,

Oseney paying £3 for this confirmation.

¹ 'quantum ad.'

² 'simul et.'

³ Sandone.

⁴ i. e. 'how-so-ever': 'qualitercunque.'

⁵ MS. reads 'þorowgh all þorow.'

⁶ MS. reads 'þorowgh alle þorow.'

About
1240 ?
Confirmation
to
Oseney,
by Roger
son of
Richard
of Morton,
of that part
of no. 146
which is
of his fee,

subject to
10d. quit-
rent to his
manor, and
1s. 8d. when
scutage is
asked.

* leaf 34.

1247,
June.
Surrender
to Oseney,

by Henry
of Barton,

of two yard-
lands in
Barton and
Rousham,

[149.] To all cristen men to the which this present writyng schall come Roger first Richard of Morton helth in owre lorde. Knowe 3e that I, Roger, graunte, and conferme with this present charter, ffor me and myne heyres and myne assynes 4 for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all londres, medys, fedynges, pastures, and tenementes, the which they have of the gifte of Henry of Saundon and By the confirmation of my ffaduþ, in the 8 towne of Barton and withowte, of my fee: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons and to þere successours, in-to perpetuell almes, sauynge to me and to my heyres the rent of x. d. 3erely at þe ffest of saynte Mighell, and sauynge to me and 12 to my heyres for scutage xx. d. allonely, whenne scutage renneth generally thorowgh all Inglonde, for all thyng the which of the londe or of 1 the londe may or schall mowe to be axid for Euer. And I, Roger, and myne heyres or my assynes, all the foresaide 16 thynges with the pertinences, for * the foresaide 3erely rent and for þe forsaid scutage, agaynste all men for Euer schall warantize, aquite, and Defende: and that this my graunte, &c^o.

[150.] This is a finall concorde i-made In the Cowrte of 20 owr lorde the Kyng at oxonford, fro the Daye of þe Holy trinite in-to the xv. Daies, In the 3ere of the Reyne of Kyng Henry the soone of Kyng John xxxj^o, afore Roger of Turkelby, Gilbert of preston, Master Symonde of Bampton 2, and John of Cobbe- 24 ham, Justices Journeyng, and other true men of owre lorde the Kyng þenne þere Beyng present, Bitwene John, Abbot of Oseneye, playner, and Henry of Barton, letter 3, of two plow-londes with the pertinences in Barton and Rolesham, Whereof plee 4 of 28 'warantize of the charter' was i-summoned Bitwene them in the same cowrte, that is to say, that þe same Henry knowlegid to 5 þe foresaide londe to be the Ryght of the same Abbot and of is church of Oseney, pat 6 that þe which þe same Abbot and 32 the foresaide church haue þey haue hit of the gifte of the saide Henry: to be had and to be holde to þe same Abbot and

¹ Read 'for.'

² 'de Bautone': read 'Wauton.'

³ 'impedientem.'

⁴ 'placitum warantie carte.'

⁵ Omit 'to.'

⁶ In the Latin, 'ut illam quam.' The translator, having taken 'ut' as 'that' (instead of 'as'), had to insert 'þey haue hit' (not in the Latin) to make sense.

to his successours and to his church aforesaide, in-to ffre and
 perpetueſſ almes for Euer, zeldyng þerof ʒerely j. marke of Siluer
 at ij. termes At Barton, *videlicet* medietatem, þat is to say,
 4 halfe, at þe ffeſt of Seynte Miʒgheſſ, & the otheʀ halfe at þe
 ffeſte of Saynte Miʒgheſſ¹ In marche, And Doyng þerof to
 þe chefe lordes of that ffee all otheʀ *seruices* þe which to þe
 foresaide londe perteyneð. And the same Henry and his heyres
 8 schall warantize to þe forsaide Abbot and his successours and to
 the church a-foresaide þe foresaide londe, with his *pertinences*, as
 ffre and his perpetueſſ almes, By the foresaide *seruices*, agaynste
 all meñ for Euer. And the saide Abbot receyued þe foresaide
 12 Henry and his heyres in alle Benefettes and prayers þe which
 hereafter schall Be Doone In his church aforesaide for Euer.

subject to
 13s. 4d.
 quit-rent to
 his manor,

Oseney con-
 ceding him
 commemo-
 ration in
 the con-
 ventual
 prayers.

[151.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to come that I,
 Richard ffolioth of Rolesham, for þe helth of my sowle and
 16 of þe sowles of my aunceturs and successours, haue i-grauntid
 and with my present Charter conformed; to² me and my heyres
 for Euer, as muche as to me and my heyres perteyneth, to god
 and to þe church of Saynte Marye of Oseney and to þe chanons
 20 þere *seruyng* god, the Miſſe of Barton, with þe mese, and
 Crofte, and all þe felde londe to þe same Miſſe perteynyng; and
 with all his *pertinences* in the towne and withowte þe towne,
 þe which Miſſe, with all his *pertinences*, John of Saynte John,
 24 clerke, to þe same Howse of Osenaye ʒafe, Bequethid; and
 assined: to Be holde & to Be had; to þe saide chanons for Euer,
 in-to ffre and perpetueſſ almes, well and in pece, with all
 integrite or þe holenesse In the which William of Saynte John,
 28 the ffadur of þe saide John clerke, all þe foresaide thynges had
 and helde, zeldyng to me and to myne heyres ʒerely ij. ʒ. off
 sterlynges at iiij. termes (that is to say, at cristmasse vj. d.,
 and at Estur vj. d., and at þe ffeſt of saynte John þe Baptiste
 32 vj. d., and at þe ffeſt of Saynte Miʒgheſſ vj. d.) for all *seruice*,
 secular exaccion, and Demaunde, to me or to my heyres per-
 teynyng. And that this My graunte, &c³.

About
 1240.
 Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney, by
 Richard
 Foliot, as
 feudal
 superior,
 of the
 legacy in
 no. 143,

as in
 no. 145,
 subject to
 2s. quit-
 rent to his
 manor.

[152.] A³ quite-clayme of Hugh De la Vesseſſe of A Rent
 36 of vj. d. ʒerely. About
 1240.

¹ Read 'Mary in March,' i. e. Ladyday.

² Read 'for': 'pro me.'

³ 'Nota' in the margin.

* leaf 34,
back.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh de la
Vescele,

of a quit-
rent of 6d.
held as
feudal
superiority
over land
and
meadow,
part of
no. 146,
reserving
1d. quit-
rent.

* To alle cristen men these present letters to see or hire,
Hugh de la Vesselle, soone and heyre of John de la Vesselle,
helth in owre lorde. Knowe 3e all me, for the helth of my
sowle, to haue relesid, and to haue quite-claymed, for me and⁴
myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of saynte marye
of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, a 3erely rente
of vj. d. the which I was i-wooned to receyue, of the saide
chanons of Saynte marye of Oseneye, By the reson of xxxij. 8
acris [of land] with mede and his pertinences, þe which all¹ þe
same chanons hauend in the felde of the more Barton and² of
the 3ifte of Henry Saundon (to þe which³ my ffaduþ all þese
thynges sumtyme 3afe By his charter, for his homage and¹²
seruice) vnto þente⁴ of j. d. 3erely to be i-3elded to me and
to my heyres, at Oseneye, At þe ffest off Saynte Mi3gheþ 3erely.
In-to witnesse, &c⁹.

About
1245.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Hugh,
clerk,

of 4s. rent-
charge in
Barton
Odonis

(to be a
pittance
at Oseney),
with all
manorial
rights re-
presented
by it.

[153.] KNOWE 3e that Be present and to come that I, Hugh 16
Clerke⁵ of Barton, for the helth of my sowle and of þe Sowles
of my ffaduþ and moduþ and of my Benefeturs, haue i-3eve,
grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, for me and
my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marye 20
of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, a Rente of
iiij. s. 3erely in Barton Odonis, the which to me was i-woned to
pay John ffit Warner of the same Barton, my kynnesmanne⁶,
for dj. an hide of londe with þe pertinences in the same Barton, 24
to⁷ which to hym I 3afe for his homage and seruice: to be
holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanons for Euer,
in-to ffre and perpetueþ almes, to pietaunce of þe Couent, with
all the ry3ght that in the same Rent I had or my3ght haue, 28
to be take By the handes of the saide John and of his Eyres
3erely in the ffurst⁸ Day of the mone of lente, well and in pece,
ffrely and quietly fro all secular seruice, exaccions, customes,
sutes, and Demaundis. And I, Hugh Clerke, and my heyres, 32
the saide Rente to the saide chanons and church ffor Euer schaff
warantize agaynste all men & women, and schaffe Defende;

¹ 'quae omnia iidem Canonici.'

² Omit 'and.'

³ 'to þe which' = to whom.

⁴ sic, for 'unto þe rente': 'usque ad redditum.'

⁵ 'clericus.'

⁶ 'gener meus.'

⁷ Read 'the.'

⁸ i. e. on the first Monday in Lent: 'prima die lune.'

and of all thynges the which of suche ffeffement, or [for] suche, may be i-axid, we schall aquite. And that this my zifte, &c^o.

- [154.] To all cristen^e meⁿ to be which this present wrytyng
 4 schall come, John ffigt Warnere of Barton^e helth. To all your
 knowlege I will hit to come, me, of be assynyg of Hugh clerke
 my ffadur in lawe, to be holde and to Be Bownde to John,
 Abbot, and to be couent of the church of Seynte mary of Oseney,
 8 and to pere successours for Euer, to a payment of a zerele rente
 of iiij. s., to A petauce of the same couente, be which rente to
 pay I whas i-woned to be saide Hugh for dñ. and hide of londe
 with be pertinences in Barton^e Odonis, be which to me zafe
 12 be same Hugh for my homage and service: perfore this rente
 I, John, and my heyres, to be saide church and chanons for
 Euer withoute¹ hardenysse schall pay, to be forsaide petauce,
 be moneday nexte of lente Euery zere at Oseney, of be which
 16 rente soo i-paide they have be charter of be saide Hugh, and of
 be which rente so [to be] i-paide I² made sewte with and othe,
 for me and myne heyres, In the chapiter of Oseneye, vppoⁿ the
 texte of the same church, the³ which me in A-nothir time toke
 20 me in-to here prayers and Benefetes of there Bretherhede, [and]
 In counsellis to me and to * myne heyres or my children [is] not
 to fayle. This wrytyng was i-made At Oseney In the Vigile of
 Witsonday, pat is to say, in the Day⁴ of saynt Osith Virgine,
 24 In the zere of be Rayne of Kyng Henry be soone of Kyng John
 xxix. In-to be strenght, &c^o.

1245,
 June 3.
 Acknow-
 ledgement
 to Oseney,
 by Johnson
 of Warner,
 of obliga-
 tion to pay
 the rent-
 charge, as
 in no. 153,

[Oath on
 the Gos-
 pels.]
 Oseney
 promising
 * leaf 35.
 him com-
 memora-
 tion in the
 conventual
 prayers.

- [155.] Know poo that Be present and poo that Be to come
 that I, Odo ffigt Warnere of Barton^e, ffor my helth and of myne,
 28 zafe and grauntid, and with my present charter consermed, for
 me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to be church of Saynte
 marye of Oseney and to be chanons pere seruyng god, In-to ffree
 pure and perpetueff almes, x. acris of londe, with be pertinences,
 32 in the felde of Barton^e,
 of be which v. acris li^en in the Northfelde In-to this maner : of 5 acres
 pat is to say, j. acre lieth in Halfurlonge, and ij halfe-acris In field,

About
 1245.
 Grant to
 Oseney,
 by Odo, son
 of Warner,

¹ 'sine difficultate.'
² 'de quo redditu sic solvendo, fidelita-
 tem feci.'

³ 'qu[a] me alias suscepit.'

⁴ This second date is a difficulty. In
 1245 Whitsun-Eve was June 3, i. e. Pega
 Virgo. Osith, Regina et Martyr, is
 Oct. 7.

in strips; Vtfurlonge, and ij. halfe-acris In longefurlonge, and j. halfe-acre stretcheth In-to Senewellyslade and j. dñ.-acre In-to¹ Hurstane-furlong þe which is towarde þe North, and j. hede for j. dñ.-acre at Crotteslondes² Ende, and dñ. be-ʒonde þe slade; 4

and 5 acres in the South field, in strips. And In the sowthfelde lyeñ v. acris In this maner: that is to say, j. acre in the Ende of þe towne, and j. acre at stanelawe, and j. acre in Middulforlonge, and ij. [half]-acris in Huntfur-longe, and j. acre in longefurlonge: 8

to be holde and to be had, to þe saide chanons for Euer, well and in pece, firely [and] quietly fro all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde, In-to fire pure and perpetuell almes. And I and myne heyres all þe fornamed thynges to þe saide chanons 12 schall warantize agaynste all pepul and schall defende and aquite agaynste the chefe lordes and all men for Euer³ of all services and seruages and Demaundes and of all thynges that may be axid. In-to witnesse, &c.³ 16

About 1245.

Confirma-
tion to
Oseney, by
John son
of Warner,
of his
brother's
gift, as in
no. 155.

[156.] Know þo that Be present and to Be that [I], John fñt Warnere off Bartoñ, for myne helth and of myne, grauntid and with my charter confermed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte Marie off Oseneye and²⁰ to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe ʒifte þe which to þem made Odo fñt Warnere my Broþer of x. acris of londe with þe per-tinences in Bartoñ of þe which v. acris lieñ in the Northfelde þ, and hit is in the charter afore-writen. 24

About 1245.

Grant to
Oseney, by
John, clerk,
son of
Warner, of
a meadow-
patch,
Oseney
promising
commemo-
ration in
the con-
ventual
prayers.

[157.] Know þoo þat Bene now and to Be that I, John Clerke⁴ fñt Warnere is sone⁵ of Bartoñ Odonis, ʒafe and grauntid, with þe assent and wille of Richard my ffurst sone and heyre, and with my present charter confermed, for the helth 28 of my sowle and of margerye my wyfe and of myne aunceturs and successours, j. litul parte of my mede In Medham Bitwene ij. poles, in-to pure perpetuell and ffree almes, to god and to saynte Marye of Oseneye and to þe chanons þere seruyng god³² and owr lady saynte Marye, that for Euer my sowle and the sowles of my aunceturs and of my successours in þere prayers

¹ Read 'in.'

² Croftes londes.

³ MS. repeats 'for Euer.'

⁴ 'clericus.'

⁵ 'is sone' is superfluous. The Latin is 'filius Warneri de Barthona.'

pay haue i-commendid. And I John and^r myne heyres the forsaide litufl parte of mede to þe same chanon^s schall warantize and Defende for Euer agaynste all pepul^t, &c^o.

4 [158.] To all cristen^e men this present wrytyng to see thabbot of Enysham and the Dene of Oxonforde Euerlastyng helth in ow^r lorde. Know 3e all vs þe Maundement of ow^r lorde the pope to haue i-take in these wordes—

1220.

Suit
between
Oseney and
Fécamp
abbey in
Normandy,

* leaf 35,
back.

8 Honorye, Bisshop, seruante of the seruantes of god^d, to his Beloued^r soones, thabbot of Enysham, Prior of saynte * frides-withe, and the Deene of oxonforde of lincoln Diocesy, helth and the popes Blessyng. þat¹ þe Beloued^r ssones, thabbot and

12 couent of Oseney, of the ordre of saynte Austen^e, to vs playnyng, have i-schewed that where thabbot and Couent of lyre² of þe ordre of Saynte Benedicte and summe oþer of Hereford and Wyrcetur diocese and of lincoln Diocese vpon tithis and oþer

about
tithes,

16 thynges doo wronge to þem. Therefore truly to 3ou^r discrecion, By the popes wrytyng, we charge that, þe parties i-called, 3e hyre þe cause and (apelyng removed) with Dew Ende 3e endid³, doyng⁴ þat 3e Decree By censure of þe church to be i-kepid.

decided by
papal com-
missioners,

20 And þe witnesses that Be i-called, if they þem-selfe for grace, hate, or drede, withdrawe them, By þe same censure (appelyng cesyng) 3e constrayne to Bare witnesse: And if that 3e all to þese thynges to Be executid may not Be att⁵, tweyne of 3ow

24 þoo thynges, not-witstandyng, do execute. The Date at lateranys, iiij^o none of December, of ow^r Bisshopehoode þe iiij. 3ere.

appointed
Dec. 2, 1219,

þerfore By the auctorite of these letters, thabbot and Couent
28 of Oseney, By there procuratour in owre presence i-sette, ij. parties of þe tithis of þe Demayne of Robert Arsic In litufl Bartoⁿ saide, of þe commune lawe, to pere church of grete Bartoⁿ to perteyne, þe which of thabbot of fescampe vtterly
32 they axid; The which By his procuratour, that is to say, Roger thenne or that tyme prior⁶ of Cogges, afore vs thenne comperyd. Thenne when þe same procuratour, at⁷ all þe cawse

Oseney
claiming
3rds of
the tithe
of the de-
mesne land
of Little
Barton;

¹ Omit 'that.'

² 'de Lyra.'

³ Read 'end it.'

⁴ 'facientes quod decreveritis . . . obser-
vari.'

⁵ 'interesse.'

⁶ 'tunc temporis prior.'

⁷ 'procurator, ad totam causam motam
... datus.'

but accept-
ing the
offer by
Fécamp
abbey of a
perpetual
lease of the
tithes at a
quit-rent of
10s. to be
paid to
Cogges
priory.
Penalty of
£1 on the
breaker of
this agree-
ment.

i-moved vpon þe saide tithis Bitwene þe forsaide Abbotes and Couentes [i-sett], letters of procuresyis i-zeve afore vs in Juggement he¹ schewed; in the which was i-conteyned that Abbot and Couent of ffescampe wolde and willed to be ferme what 4 that Euer² þe saide prior in that cawse did. At þe last, after many altercacions Bitwene parties, þe strife ffrendely in this restid, þat is to say, that þe foresaide procuratour of thabbot and Couent off ffescampe to thabbot and Couent of Oseney the 8 forsaide tithis to A perpetueff fferme grauntid; and the same in-to Bodely possession ledde in³, for x. s. of sterlinges Euery 3ere, at Oseneye, to þe prior of Cogges, at þe ffest of Seynte Mighel or within þe vtas of þe same, to Be paide; and if oony 12 of þe saide parties agaynste þe saide composicion come, to þe oþer partie xx. s. he schall paye. For this cawse we, hauyng this composicion ferme, By the Auctorite of owr lorde pope hit haue i-Juggid to conferme. In-to witnesse of the which and 16 perpetueff mynde, &c⁵.

1350,
Oct. 13.
Exchange
between
Oseney and
Sir William
of Shares-
hull,
Oseney giv-
ing messu-
ages, a mill,
land, and
meadow in
Barton and
Rousham,
and taking
messuages,
a mill,
land, and
meadow in
Little Tew,
Sandford,
and Oxford,

under
licence in
mortmain,

[159.] Know thoo þat Be nowe and to Be that we, thomas, By the suffryng of god Abbot of Oseney, and of þe same place Couente, have i-zeve, grauntid, and with this present charter 20 confermed, to be-loued to vs in criste, SiR William Scharehuff, Knyght, vj. meses, j. water mylle, xvj. 3erdes of londe and vj. acris of mede, with þe pertinences, in Bartoñ Odonis and Rowlesham (that is to say, all þe tenementes þe which in Bar- 24 toñ Odonis And Rowlesham we had, excepte j. gardeyne, j. crofe, and x. acris of londe, with þe pertinences, in the towne of Bartoñ Odonis aforesaide) In-to an Eschaunge for viij. mesis, iij. cogates⁴, j. water mylle, xiiij. 3erdes of londe, xx^{ti} acris 28 of mede, and j. schoppe, with þe pertinences, in lituiff tywe, Sanforde, and oxonford, þe which sothely tenementes in lituiff tywe, Sanforde, and oxonford we had of þe 3ifte and seffement of þe foresaide SiR William in-to þe Above-saide Eschaunge, as in 32 the charter of the licence of þe Kynge of Inglonde and of ffrance Bothe to vs and to þe forsaide SiR William per-of i-grauntid fully is conteyned: to be had and to holde to⁵ the

¹ Read 'had.'

² 'quicquid.'

³ 'induxit.'

⁴ In error. Latin is 'tribus cotagiis.'

⁵ Omit 'to.'

forsaide vj. mesis, myffe, xvj. 3erdes of londe, and vj. Acris [of mead], with the pertinences, in Barton Odonis and Rowlesham, to be forsaide William, his Eyres, and his assynes, of p^o 4 chefe lordes of that ffee By seruices perof Dewe and wonyd for Euer, that is to say, all the tenementes * the which we had * leaf 36. in the forsaide townes of Barton Odonis and Rowlesham,

except the forsaide gardeyne, crofte, and x. acris of londe, 8 with ther pertinences, in the towne of Barton Odonis aforesaide, the which we reserue and reteyne to vs and to owr successours to A-Bide, with there pertinences in Euery place, as ffree comune of pasture to owre Bestes all maner of kynde to Be fedde in 12 felde and pasturis of be towne of Barton Odonis aforesaide, also with ffree Entre and Goyng owte in Euery place, as we and owre predecessours to ¹ have be i-wooned in tymes a-passid, be which also gardeyne and crofte in the towne of Barton 16 Odonis Been i-ioyned to be gardeyne of owre dwellyng in grete Barton, as forthe By ² the hegges and walles to-gedur they be i-closed inne, And the forsaide x. acris By places lien in the Northfelde of the foresaide towne with owre syne woonyd i-seeled. [Oseney mark on boundary-stones.] 20 In-to witnesse of be which thyng we haue i-put to owr commune seale. Date at Oseney, In owr chapter Howse, the Wodenysday nexte after p^o xv. day of seynte Mighell Archangell, In the 3ere of the Rayne of Kynge Edward of Inglonde and of ffrance, 24 that is to say, of Inglonde xxiiij. of ffrance xj^o.

[XXIII. HYDE AND WESTCOTE BARTON.]

[160.] KNOWE þoo that Be now and to Be that I, thomas of Hide, 3afe grauntid and confermed, to god and to be church of seynte Marye of Oseney, and to sir Richard ³ Abbot of Oseney 28 and to be chanon þere seruyng god, xxv. acris of arable londe, with all þere pertinences, in the ffeldes of Westcote Barton, In-to pure and perpetuell almes, whereof xij. acris of londe lien in the North felde at Radawelle, that is to say, in þe telth 32 be which is i-called Brerefurlonge; And in the sowthfelde, 12 in South field,

About 1260. Grant to Oseney, by Thomas of Hide, of 25 acres in Westcote Barton, viz. 12 in North field, 12 in South field,

¹ Omit 'to.'² 'prout per.'³ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

(^{pe}¹ which) vppon Ramme dune, iij. telthis, ^{pe} which conteyneð
 1 in Moyles Breche, xij. acris; And j. acre in Moyles Breche, By the londe of petur
 of Barton: to be holde and to Be had, to the saide church and
 chanonð and to pere successours, well and in pece, frely and 4
 with their quietly, in fedyng and pasturis, with ffree Entre and goyng
 pasture- owte porogh all ^{pe} felde of Westcote Barton for Euer. I have
 rights, i-grauntid Also, for me and myne heyres and myne assynes,
 free of all manorial burdens, pat ^{pe} saide Abbot and chanons and there successours beð quite 8
 for Euer of all maner sutes of courtes, helpys, tallages, scutages,
 and of all exaccions and Demaundes for Euer. And I thomas
 and myne heyres or myne assynes ^{pe} forsaide xxv. acris, with
 all pere pertinences, to ^{pe} saide Abbot and chanons and to pere 12
 [Warranty against Jews.] successours, agaynste all cristen men and Jues schall warantize,
 Aquite, and defende, as pure and perpetuefl almes. And that
 pis my gifte, &c^o.

About 1260. Confirmation to Oseney, by Peter of Westcote Barton, of no. 160.
 [161.] KNOWE all men that I, petur of Westcote Barton, 16
 haue i-grauntid, for me and my heyres and myne assynes, and
 with this present charter have i-confermed, to god and to ^{pe}
 church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to ^{pe} chanonð in hit ser-
 uying god, ^{pe} zevyng the which to theme maade Thomas of 20
 Hide of londis and tenementes the which Beð of my ffee in
 Westcote Barton: to Be holde [and] to be had to ^{pe} saide church
 and chanonð, in-to pure and perpetuefl almes, as ^{pe} charters
^{pe} which they have of ffeffement fully witnessen. In-to wit- 24
 nesse, &c^o.

About 1270. Grant to Oseney, by John le free, of an acre,
 [162.] KNOWE ^{pe} that Be present and to Be that I, John
 lee ffree of Westcote Barton, ^zafe, grauntid, and with this
 present charter confermed, to god and to ^{pe} church of saynte 28
 marye of Oseney and to ^{pe} chanonð in hit seruyng god, j. acre
 of Arable londe in the ffele of Westcoote Barton, with all his
 pertinences, ^{pe} which acre lieth in the telth the which is i-callid
 Doddendenes Holde: to Be holde and to Be had, to ^{pe} saide 32
 church and chanonð, in-to pure and perpetuefl almes, with ffre
 Entre and gooyng-owte porowgh all the felde of Westcote Bar-
 ton. And I, John, and my heyres or myne Assynes, ^{pe} * said

with its
pasture-
rights.
* leaf 36,
back.

¹ Omit '^{pe} which.'

acre, with the *pertinences*, to þe saide church and chanons schall [Warranty
warantize, aquite, and Defende, agaynste all cristen men And against
Juys. And that this my gifte, &c^o.] Jews.]

- 4 [163.] HIT is to Be i-knowe that we haue :—To all cristen About
men to þe which this present writyng schall come John lee ffre 1270.
of litufl Bartoñ helth in owre lorde. Know 3e all me to haue Grant to
i-zeve, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to Oseney, by
8 god and to seynte Marie and to frere William Sutton¹ By John le
þe suffryng of god Abbot of Oseneye and to þe chanonẽ of the free,
same place þere seruyng god, j. acre of my arable londe, with
all his *pertinences*, In the ffelde of litufl Bartoñ, for the helth
12 of my sowle and of the helth of my aunceturs, of þe which j. dý.- of half-an-
acre lieth of þe Est parte of Sondeway towarde Dunstue By the acre,
londe of William Geffray, And a-nothe^r dý.-acre in the same and half-
ffelde, that is to say, In Wolkelonde², By the londe of the same an-acre.
16 William Geffray : to Be had and to Be holde that Acre, with his
pertinences, In-to pure and perpetuell almes, for my sowle and
þe sowle of my aunceturs for Euer. And [I] John, and my
heyres, þe saide acre of londe, with his *pertinences*, to god and
20 to saynte Mary and to the saide William, Abbot, and to þe saide
chanoñs, schall warantize, defende, & aquite, agaynste all mor-
tañ men for Euer. And that this my gifte, &c^o.

[XXIII. SANDFORD.]

- [164.] HIT is to Be i-know that we have j. Dwellyng and Reference
24 j. acre of londe in þe towne & ffelde of Saunford of þe gifte to no. 139(?).
of Munckes of Colchester as it is opyn By the composicion
Bitwene theme and vs, as hit is i-schewed In the title of þe
'grete Bartoñ.'

- 28 [165.] KNOWE tho that Be present and to Be that I, John About
of Seynte John, 3afe, grauntid, and confermed with this present 1250?
charter, to god And to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney Grant to
and to þe chanonẽ þere seruyng god, that mese at Sanforde that Oseney, by
32 is nexte to þe church towarde þe sowth, with þe curtilage that John (? II)
of St. John,

¹ Abbot 1268-84.² Wowelonde.

of a messuage, 2 curtilages, and a dovehouse,

subject to 3s. quit-rent to his manor.

About 1260.

Grant by Oseney, to Walter, vicar of Sandford St. Martin, of life-rent of nos. 164 and 165,

quit-rent to be either 5s., or 3s., with gift of a lamprey on eve of Palm-Sunday,

and, at his death, a heriot.

is towarde þe sowth, [and] with þe curtilage that is towarde þe Est By the Coluerhowse, and with þe same Coluerhowse: to Be holde and to Be had, to þe same chanons for Euer, of me and myne heyres, ffrely quietly pesibly and hooly, 3eldyng þerof 4 3erely In ij. termes of the 3ere iij. 3. (that is to say, at þe ffest of Seynte Migheff, xvij. d.; and in þe Annunciacion of Saynte Marie, xvij. d.) for all seculer seruice, exaccion, and Demaunde, to me or to my heyres perteynyng. And I and myne heyres 8 schaff warantize the saide Mese to þe saide chanons for Euer agaynste all men. And in-to witnesse, &c^o.

[166.] A charter Agaynste Walter, Vicar of Sanforde, of þe mese & curtilage.

KNOWE all men that in this maner hit was A-cordid Bitwene Richard¹ Abbot of Oseney and þe Couent of þe same place 12 of þe oone partie, and Sir Water Vicar of Saunford of þe oper, þat is to say, þat þe saide Abbot and couent toke and lete to þe forsaide Water, alonly to his wife², ij. 3 meses at Saunforde, with þe pertinences, þe which ij. mesys⁴ ben nexte i-Joyned to 16 þe howses þe which to þe Vicarage of Saunforde perteyne of þe Sowth partye, with þe curtilage þe which is towarde þe sowth, and with þe curtilage þe which is towarde þe Est abowte þe Coluerhowse, and with þe same Coluerhowse, with 20 all his oper pertinences, for v. 3. 3erely, or for iij. 3. and j. lamprey, to þe saide Abbot and Couent and to þe successors 3erely to Be paide (þat is to say, at þe Annunciacion of Seynte Marie, xvij. d.; and in the Vigill of palmes, j. lamprey or ij. 3.; 24 and at þe ffest of Seynte Migheff, xvij. d.) for all seruice, sauynge napeles to saide Abbot and Couent and to þe successors þe Best best⁵ of the foresaide Water whenne he in-to deth passith. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

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1273, June 20.

[167.] Dedication of the chapel of Saunford.

* leaf 97. Dedication of Sandford

* REYNOLDE, By the grace of god Bisshop of Clone⁶, &c^o, In the stede of þe worschipfull ffladur lorde Richard, Bisshop of

¹ Probably Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

² Read 'life'; 'tantum ad vitam suam.'

³ 'quaedam messuagia.'

⁴ 'qu[a]e quidem messuagia.'

⁵ 'best' = beast.

⁶ i. e. Cloyne: see no. 129. The English cuts down the deed. In the Latin, 'the chapel of St. Martin of Sanford' is said to be 'subject to the parish church of Great Barton.'

lincoln, In the xij. Rk. of Julie In the 3ere of oure lorde
 M̄ CC Lxxiij., halowed the Chapell of Saunforde and the high
 auter, In the Bisshoprich of lincoln, In the stede of þe worschip-
 4 full ffadur lorde Richard, Bisshop of lincoln; and By his
 auctorite, trustyng of þe mercy of all-myȝhty god and of seynte
 marie Euer virgyne and meritis of saynte martine and of all
 sayntys, to all very contrite pepull and confessid þe which
 8 þe Above-saide chapell Euery 3ere in þe saide Daye and þorowgh
 þe Vtas for cause of Deuocion wille visite hit, or¹ oony goodes
 or goode dedis of charite [shall do there], xl. daies of penaunce
 to þem enioyned relesid. In-to witnesse, &c².

St. Martin
 chapel
 by the de-
 puty of the
 diocesan :

indulgence
 to worship-
 pers on
 the anni-
 versary.

[XXV. LEDWELL.]

[168.] A Sentence diffinitife agaynste Drue of Preaus
 of þe tithis in ledwell.

1233,
 March 5.

12 To all cristen pepull to whome this presente writyng schall
 come Robert dene² & A. chaunceler of þe church of Salisbury
 euerlastyng helth in owr lorde. Þe maundement of owr lorde
 pope In-to þese wordes Gregorius³ seruus seruorum dei, &c².
 16 Our Beloued Soones thabbot and Couent of Oseney, ð. By the
 auctorite of this maundement we haue i-cited Drue⁴, person of
 þe church of more Tywe, at þe Instaunce of þe saide Abbot and
 Couent, ð. vpon the tithis and all parisch ryȝht þe which þe
 20 same Drue, In the name of his church of Tywe, whas i-woned
 to take within the Bondes of theme⁵ of Barton, þe which of
 commune ryȝht pay axid, þe parties By procuratours In Juge-
 ment comperyng, ð. At þe laste, procuratour of þe saide Drue,
 24 of þe Entent of the saide Abbot and Couent in Juggement fully
 confessid, bothe þe saide tithis & parisch ryȝht, that þe saide
 Drue of þe parisshe of theme at ledewell (that is to say, of
 William of Dicheffe and Adam of Hide) to take whas i-wooned,
 28 ffrely and quietly to þem hee grauntid, And that to þem oony
 Impediment here-after vpon þe same he schall not procure,

Suit by
 Oseney,
 against the
 rector of
 Great Tew,

decided by
 papal com-
 missioners,

said rector
 allowing
 Oseney
 3rds of the
 tithes and
 parish dues
 from two
 holdings in
 Ledwell,

¹ This clause is a paraphrase: see the Latin formula in no. 129.

² Robert de Hertford, dean 1238-57.

³ Gregory IX, pope 1227-41. The

commission was issued June 8, 1239.

⁴ Drogo.

⁵ 'infra limites parochie eorum de Barthona.'

Oseney re-
mitting
arrears and
asking no
costs in the
suit.

noþer þem let schaff that they mow not all the saide thynges take, In goode feitþe he be-heete¹. þenne, þe Entente of þe saide Abbot and Couent i-harde and confession of þe contrarie partie, þe forsaide tithis and parisch ryght to þe forsaide 4 chanonþ, By cawse of there church of Barton, sentencially whe haue i-Juggid for Euer, silence to þe saide Drue to all þe saide thynges puttyng: to þe Execucion of þe same sentence to Be do, to Archedecon of Oxonforde decreyng to Be Demaundid or 8 axid. And þe procuratour of þe saide Abbot and couent of Oseney to þe forsaide Drue arrerages and Expensis in þe strife relesid vtterly, þe which were made vpon this mater. And we, of the consent of the parties, have reserved to vs Jurisdic- 12 cion [for] Euer to þe constreynyng of þe parties to Be doo, if eyþer partie (that god forbide) wille Begynne agayne. And to witness of this thyng, to this writyng owr seales we haue i-putt to, 12, with the seale of the procuratour of the saide Drue: 16 the Date, firo þe Incarnacion of owr lorde In the 3ere M^oCC xxxix, at Newe Salysbury, þe [iii.] Nonas marcij.

1413,
Dec. 28.

[169.] ffor þe heth of ledewell.

* leaf 37,
back.
Survey, by
the neigh-
bours, of
the bound-
ary-marks
of the Heath
and Lⁱⁿ-
land [= the
inland (i. e.
demesne)]
belonging
to Oseney,

þe þundurday² nexte after the ffest of þe Birth of owr lorde In the 3ere of the Reyne of Kynge Henry the v. after the con- 20 queste jo Come John Wilcotys, * squier, and all his tenauntes of þe Moore Barton, ledewell, and Saunforde (were³ well i-sett and stiked) [to⁴ see] that þe Bondis and merestones Bitwene j. felde i-called þe heth ande linlonde and þe londe of þe tenauntes 24 and also þe Demayne londe of þe lorde of ledewell and Saunforde where [well] i-sette and stiked⁵. And at þat tyme, In the presence of þe forsaide John Wilcotes, of the parte of Sir Sencleres⁶ pere Beyng, and of John langston of the parte 28 of thabbot of Oseney and of þe Couent, þe forsaide Bondis and Merestones where i-stiked and i-sett By the tenauntes vndurwrite and moony othir pere i-examed and i-swore to þe

¹ 'promisit.'

² 'die Iovis.'

³ Omit the bracketed words, brought in, in error, from below.

⁴ 'ad videndum quod mete et meerstones ...'

⁵ 'fuerunt bene assesse et fixe.' Is this 'stike' for 'stick,' or an early example of the diphthongation of 'stake,' which is now found, e. g. in Essex.

⁶ 'ex parte domini Senclers' = 'on behalf of the lord of Senclers manor.'

trowght pere-of to Be saide and to Be i-performed; þat is to say,
 By John Duke, Richard Webbe, Geoffrey plestow, Richard Cow-
 per, William 3orke, Richard plestow, Symond Wesey¹, John
 4 tailour, Thomas Kyng, John cockes, Thomas ffox, Thomas Collys,
 John Bosseby, Richard Bovetoñ, and moony oþer penne pere
 Beyng present. And then John langston, after þe strikyng² of
 þe foresaide Boundis and Merestones, declared to all þe tenauntes
 8 aforesaide þat thabbot and Couent above-saide purposenne and
 Entende to close³ all þe forsayde ffelde of le heth and lynlonde
 as here seuereñ in all the tymes of þe 3ere, And he axid of þe
 tenauntes and oþer pere Beyng if [any] of þeñ wolde⁴ or knewe
 12 oony thyng to say why that he ofte not to close þe saide felde
 and heth as his seuereñ, and all saide that he my3ght weñ and
 neuer saide þe contrarye. And for Euidence þey say that þe
 forsaide feld sumtyme was parcelle of þe Demayne londe of the
 16 lorde⁵ there, and þey say þat all the Demayne londe is seuereñ⁶
 thorowgh þe 3ere. And ffurþermore þe forsaide John langston
 axid of them if they or oony of them oony waye or pathe in þe
 forsaide ffelde or in oony parcelle of þe same in oony tyme of þe
 20 3ere wolde challenge or [claim⁷], And they answered all nay;
 But þay saide that þe forsaide Abbot and Couent and his pre-
 decessours had A Grene waye fro the towne of ledewell unto þe
 forsaide felde to Dryue all his maner of Bestis pere to Be ffedde
 24 and to Be i-Browght agayne whenne-so-Eueñ hit plesid them,
 and none oþer But by the leve of them, &c⁸.

with a view
to their
being en-
closed.

Verdict
that there
exist no
rights of
common in
said lands,
and no
rights of
way over
them.

[A 'green
way.']

[XXVI. LODEWELL.]

[170.]⁸ HIT is to Be i-myndyd that we have the tithis in
 ledewell of þe 3ifte of Robert Doylly, as it is i-schewed In the
 28 grete charter of þe same, þe which is Abofe In the tittle 'How
 that þe church of Seynte George was i-3eve to þe chanonñ of
 Oseneye.'

Reference
to no. 21.

¹ Veysy.

² Read 'stiking'; 'post fixationem.'

³ 'ad includendum.'

⁴ 'vellet vel sciret aliquid dicere.'

⁵ MS. has 'londe,' by a slip; 'dominice

terre domini ibidem.'

⁶ 'separalis.'

⁷ Blank in MS.: 'calumpniare' in Latin.

⁸ 'Nota' in margin.

1257 (?).
Registration of an inquiry held 1257(?), June 11, as to the tithe of the demesne lands in Ledwell, of which Oseney claimed $\frac{2}{3}$ ds and conceded the other $\frac{1}{3}$ rd to the rector of Wootton, by sworn witnesses, before the neighbours, resulting in the defining of the portions from which Oseney took tithe, viz.

of $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the West field,

* leaf 38.

and of 40 acres in the East field.

[171.] ¹ KNOWE all men þis present letters to see or to hire that where thabbot and Couent of Oseney have i-take pesibly in the parisch of Wotton, fro the tyme of þe which is no mynde, ij. parties of tithes comyng forth of þo Demayne of ledewell of 4 þe honowr of Walyngforde and longyng to þe church of Seynte George In the castell of oxonford, and the person of Wotton the thirde parte of the tithis of þe saide Demayne had i-take, napeles, ouerpat ² and to more surtye, and Inquisicion was i-made, 8 in the Day of Bartholomew pepostle, In the 3ere of owr lorde ³ Mo CC lxxvijo, vppoñ the forsaide tithis By feithfull men i-swore, that is to say, Petur gigur, Water fist Gilbert, John fist Reynolde, Geffray fist John William ⁴, Henry ⁵ fist William, þe ¹² which (and othe i-made) saide,—afore frere Robert Vel ⁶, chanoñ of oseney; Hymbert of the towre, servaunte of master Artolde, thenne person of the church of Wotton; John, lorde of ledewell; Robert of Wotton; John Ermyne; Henry Ermyne; Thomas of 16 ffulwell; John, chapeleyne of Glymtoñ; Jordañ, clerke; and oper,—that thabbot and Couent of Oseney tooke of oolde tyme ij. parties of tithis comyng forth of þe londres vndurwrite, that is to say,

20

In the Westfelde of ledewell, In þe sowthe parte of the lordes garden of vij. acris þe which Beñ i-called Wriggedelonde, Also of ij. acris [in] Hangenlonde, Also [of] ij. Acris In myddil-furlonge next of the Grene, * Also of j. acre the which is i-called ²⁴ þe smocacre In the Sowth parte of þe lordys gardyne, Also of iiij. acris In langelonde, Item of ij. acris By longe mede, Also of iiij. acris at Almyvede ⁷, Item of ij. acris In litleffedene ffurlong, Also of iiij. acris In Rammedenysheued, Also of iiij. acris and and ²⁸ dñ. In longe Rammesdeñ, Also of ij. acris In Byke Weyffurlonge In þe Est parte, Also of iiij. acris In litleffeden In the Est parte, Also of iiij. Acris In the Crofte of Petur gigur:

In the Este felde, of all þe Crofte of Henry, Holdyng ⁸ iiij. ³² acris, Also of all þe pece þe which Is i-called ley pecche conteynyng iiij. acris (owte ⁹ j. acre By aylerychesmede), Also of ij. acris withoute þe lordes Berne In the North parte, Also

¹ 'Wotton & ledewell' in margin.

² 'ex (h)abundanti.'

³ 1257 in the Latin.

⁴ 'silium Iohannis le Wal.'

⁵ 'Herueum.'

⁶ 'le Bel.'

⁷ 'Aluyvedene.'

⁸ 'de tota crofta Henrici continente tres acras.'

⁹ 'excepta una acra.'

of v. acris In longe crofte, Also of ij. acris at þe Gore Above
 litelmede, Also of ix. acris In hanghendelonde, Also of j. acre þe
 which is i-called¹ Meyshendelonde¹, Also of iij. acres þe which
 4 Beñ i-called² þe Goore, Also of iij. acris stretchyng þeñ-selfe to
 Rammeswelle, Also of vj. acris In the telth þe which Is i-called³
 fyfyerde, Also of ij. acris Above Mapeldoor Welle Hulle, Also of
 ij. acris In Grene Diche ffurlonge.

8 And that þe saide Inquisiciōn may come to perpetueñ mynde
 thabbot of Oseney and master artolde þeñ person of Wotton
 to this writyng, In-to þe maner of A charter i-made, þer seesles
 i-put to, of þe which oone partie abidithe to þabbot and Couent
 12 of Oseney And a-noþer partie to þe saide Artold. This writyng
 was made at Oseney In the Vigile of Seynte Gile Abbot In the
 3ere of owr lorde aforenamyd.

Dated at
 Oseney
 1257 (?),
 Aug. 31.

- [XXVII. GROVE.]

[172.] THABBOT of Oseney hath In Grove twey parties of
 16 more and lasse tithis of þabbot of Colchester, as it is opyn By
 composiciōn, the which is afore In the title of 'more Barton':
 And the Vicař of Saunforde taketh þe þirde parte of all maner
 of tithis.

Reference
 to no. 139.

[ROWLESHAM.]

20 [173.] THABBOT hath In Rolesham of þe 3ifte of Doylys,
 and with þe Graunte of Kynges & of Bisshopis of lincoln with
 þe chapiter, ij. partys of scheves of þe Demayne of Richard Erle
 of Cornewaile and of William ffyt Richard ffolioth, longyng
 24 to þe church of saynte George, as it is i-schewed above In
 þe title 'Who³ the church of Seynte George was i-3eve to
 þe chanonñ of Oseney.'

Reference
 to no. 21.

[174.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and to Be that I, Robert
 28 ffolioth, with assent of William my soone, 3efe and graunte
 & with my present charter conferme, In-to ffree and perpetueñ
 almes, to þe church of saynte marye of Oseney and to þe chanonñ

? 12—.
 Grant to
 Oseney, by
 Robert
 Foliot,

¹ Meysheuedlonde.

² Name noted in margin.

³ 'Who' for 'How.'

of land in
Rousham.

pere seruyng god, for my helth and of myne and By name ffor
pe sowle of philippe¹ of Neville, aft pe londe with pe Curtilage
pe which Hawyse pe wife of Milo helde In Rowlesham, pat is to
say, that loude pe which is at pe Ry3ght hande of pe way 4
By the which it is i-goo to my Courte. This almes I and myne
heyres to pe same chanons schaff warantize In Euery place, and
to² or Agaynste aft men, ffree and quite fro aft seruice: pes
witnesses. 8

Reference
to nos. 146,
150, &c.

[175.] ALSO we haue oþer charters and confirmacions þe
which Beñ of Barton Odo.

Boundaries
of Rousham
parish.

[176.] þe Endys Costis and Boundis of londis feldys and
groundis of pe bothe courtys of Rowlesham. 12
With-In the³ writen Beñ pe Endes and Boundis of
londis, feldis, and groundys, of pe bothe Courtes
of Rowlesham.

* leaf 38,
back.

In pe ffirst, it is to knowe pat pere is a floode or water 16
pe which is In the commune i-called Charewell In the Est parte
or plage of pe * parisch of pe parisch church of Rowlesham
of lincoln Diocise, goyng [across] pe which sothely flode or
water is pe Ende and Bownde Bitwene⁴ pe parisch aforesaide 20
and pe parisshe of pe parische church of Heyforde pe neper
for the space of A place of pe lenghe In-to al so muche as þe saide
parissheis them-selfe fro oþer towchyn⁵: And the londes, feldes
and growndes aforesaide begynne fro A Brigge vppon the saide 24
water, pe which truly Brygge comunely is i-called Heyforde
Brigge In the Est parte of pe ffeldes, groundis and londes of pe
forsaide courtis and of them eyþer i-sette. And fro that well⁶,
goyng Downe By pe courte⁷ of pe floode or water aforesaide 28
vnto a well, pe which comunely is i-called Merwell, pe whiche
verily well is A Bounde Bitwene pe parisch of Rowlesham
aforesaide and pe parische of pe parische church of Tackeley [of⁸
the said diocese of Lincoln. And from that well, by a boundary, 32
near] and By⁹ that well pe [which] is i-callid now Wylloghore

¹ Philippi de Nouilla, in the Cotton MS.

² 'et versus omnes homines.'

³ Omit 'the.'

⁴ Marginal note: 'The boundes of
Rowlesham.'

⁵ 'ab invicem attingunt.'

⁶ Read 'bridge.' The translator has
misread 'ponte' as 'fonte.'

⁷ Read 'course': 'per cursum.'

⁸ Added from the Latin.

⁹ 'iuxta.'

In the sowthe parte þe lengh of þe which is Above¹ þe lenghe of j. myle; and fro the Bounde or Ende nexte Before saide vnto and hye-waye, þe which In the commune is i-callid 'the
 4 hye-waye,' þe which is þe hye-way Bitwene þe town̄s of Oxonforde & Dadyngton of þe weste parte; and By þe way aforesaide (and² the lenghe afore) and þe lengthe of þe same vnto A-noper hye-waye aforesaide³ [stretching⁴ itself, which is called Denes-
 8 wey, which way stretches itself from the foresaid highway] of⁵ þe Northe partye of [the foresaid] londes, groundes, and feldes, i-sette⁶, [and continues⁷] vnto þe Brygge aforesaide By the which Is i-Begunne þe Endys and Boundys of londis, groundys,
 12 and felles, of eyper of þ^e courtes aforesaide.

[XXVIII. HEYFORD.]

[177.] THABBOT hathe In Heyforde ij. partys of scheves, of lambys and of pyggys and of othe^r smalle tithis, of all þe Demayne of Thomas Breute, perteynyng to þe church off Saynte
 16 George In the castell of Oxonforde, as hit is i-schewyd^r abowfe In the title 'How þe church of Saynte George was i-geve to þe chanon̄s of Oseneye.'

Reference
to no. 21.

[178.] KNOWE þoo that Be nowe and to Be that I, Merget⁸
 20 of Riuers, for me and myne heyres, haue i-geve, grauntid, and Deliuered, and with my present charter conformed, for my helth and of myne, bothe auncetours and successours, to god and to þe church of saynt marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere
 24 to god seruyng, in-to ffree and perpetuell almes, in my verthoñ⁹, at Heyforde¹⁰ my maner, a place Bitwene my Berne and þe foresaide towne, to and howse to Be i-made to there tithis to Be laide, þe which at þe dore of my Barne to take pay ofte, as þey

About
1240.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Margaret
of Rivers,

of a site for
a tithe-
barn;
tithe to
taken at

¹ Read 'about': 'circiter.'

² Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

³ 'Aforesaid' is represented in the Latin by 'antedictam,' but ought to be omitted.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

⁵ Read 'on.'

⁶ 'situata,' agreeing with 'which way.'

⁷ 'et durat.'

⁸ Margareta.

⁹ Latin, 'in berthona mea.' See 'barton' in *New Eng. Dict.* The 'verthon' form may be a peculiar pronunciation, or the translator may have blundered between the easily confused *v* and *b* of this period.

¹⁰ Name noted in the margin.

the door
of the
demesne-
barn; the
demesne to
thresh the
tithe-corn
in said
barn, and
receive the
chaff and
straw in
return for
the labour;
if Oseney
thresh it
elsewhere,
the de-
mesne to
have sole
use of the
said barn.

were i-woned of olde tyme, with ffre Entre & goyng-owte to Carye and to bere, as to þem beste semeth to doo. And if it happen that þe saide chanon^s wille that þere corne þere Be thresshe In the forsaide howse, þen I and myne heyres 4 schall make it to Be thresshe, and þe chaffe schall Abide togedu^r with þe strow to me and to my heyres. And if they wilt not þat hit Be þere i-thresshe, then it schall Be ffre to theme, whenne pay [will], to Bere away all þere corne in scheves hoole, 8 ande when it is i-Bore away, that howse schall turne In-to myne vses, till eftesoones¹, her² come agayne, ther corne In-to þe same wilt put in; And I and myne heyres that howse schall kepe vn-hurt, that hit Be not i-hyndred or apeyed³ By ow^r 12 vse; and this almes to þe saide chanon^s we schall warantize for euer agaynste all pepul^s & schall Defende. And that all pese thynges Be fferme, &c^o.

1293.

[179.] Wrytyng of Symon, person of Heyforde Waryn, for hym and his successours al so muche as is in hym neuer to trouble thabbot and Couent of Oseneye for here tithis of Heyforde.

Promise
made to
Oseney,
* leaf 39.
by the
rector of
Heyford-
Warren,
to allow
Oseney
quiet pos-
session of
two-thirds
of the tithes
(great and
small) of
the de-
mesne-land
(as in
no. 21).

To all cristen men to þe which pese present letters schall 16 come, Symon, þe person of * the church of Heyforde Waryn, helth in owre lorde. Knowe me to haue Be-holde þe Instru- mentes of Religious men Abbot and Couent of Oseneye, þat is to say, of þe patronys Bisschopis and Chapter of lincoln and 20 confirmacion of þe pope, [in] þe which Euidently and sufficiently Is conteyned that ij. partis of the tithis (Bothe of grete and smale) of the Demayne In the saide towne comyng forth, By þe cawse of þe church of Seynte George In the castell of oxonforde, 24 þe which to þem þe haue i-appropri^d, and chesely of telthis within i-write, þat is to say, Croftfurlonge, And Inlonde, Ruelleffurlong⁴, Nambreffurlonge, Moreffurlong; to þe same longen. I, the saide Symon, for me and (al so muche as in me is) for my 28 successours, say and knowlege, By the tenou^r of this present wrytyng, to þem of speciall ryght to longe, and ⁵ of pere stille

¹ 'iterum.'

² Probably 'her[st]' = harvest. Latin is: 'redeunte tempore autumpnali.'

³ Both words form a duplicate rendering

of 'deterioretur.'

⁴ Ruelles-, Nambres-, Meres-.

⁵ 'et de eorum tranquilla et non interrupta possessione promittens.'

and not Interrupte (or breke) possession by-hotyng, þat, fro þe tyme of þe Date of þese presente thynges, noþer By me, noþer by oony in my name, noþer By my successours (that of¹ suffer-
 4 aunce of þe lawe þem I may Bynde), no lettyng, no puttyng away, or agayne-sayng, vppon þe takyng of þe saide tithis (of þe forsaide Demaynes comyng forth) schall suffre here-after. And as to þe takyng of þe smale [or] lasse tithis, namely² as to chese [Small
 8 and piggis, submyttyng me to þe constreynyng and compellyng tithes.] of Euery Juge (Ordinarie or Delegate) or conservatour, the which þe saide Religiose men or þere successours wille to þe chose, as by all censure of þe church, vppon all and Euerich of
 12 þe premisses, me (as hit is Above-saide), withowte³ hurlyng of Juggement and knowlech of plee, as to þe kepyng & lette not to Be i-browght, may compelle. In-to witness of þe which, þe, the forsaide Symon put to his seale. þe Date at Oseney,
 16 In the 3ere of owr lorde Mo CC^o Nonagesimo 3^o.

[180.] In the 3ere of owr lorde⁴ Mo CCCC^{mo} vto, with the consent and confirmacion of lorde William, Bisshop of lincoln, and also of þe consent of þe Keper or warden and of þe college
 20 of Seynte marie of Whinchester of Oxforde, patronys of þe parisch church of Heyforde⁵, was i-maade A Reafl composicion bytwene vs and the person þere, þat is to say, that þe saide person and all his successours hereafter have owre porcion þere, zeldyng
 24 þerof 3erely In the ffestes of Saynte Mizghell & of Estur xiiij. 3. iiij. d. in Euyñ porcions vndur payne of xx. 3. so ofte to Be paid al so so ofte as he faileth to vs, and also he schall paye for the Kynges Dyme when that hit happeneth By the clergy to
 28 be i-grauntid, vndur the same payne, that is to say, for an hoole Dyme iiij. 3.

1445.

Grant by Oseney, to the rectory of Heyford-Warren, of a perpetual lease of Oseneyshare of the tithes, at quit-rent of 13s. 4d., lessee to pay the tenths voted to the king by convocation.

[XXIX.] LITULL TYWE.

[181.] KNOWE all men Both present and to Be that I, About
 1200 ?
 Robart ffitz Geoffrey, 3afe & grauntid, and with my present Grant to

¹ = as far as by: 'quatenus ex.'² 'maxime quoad.'³ The English is dark because it follows the obscure Latin constructions: 'ut . . . me . . . sine strepitu iudiciali et causae cognitione, quantum ad observacionem, et im-

pedimentum non inferendum, possint compellere.'

⁴ The date in the Latin is, correctly, 1445. William Alnwick, bishop 1436-49.⁵ Name noted in the margin.

Oseney, by Robert (of Neville) son of Jeffrey, of a messuage, half his demesneland, and half a hide and 3 yardlands of land held in villeinage, [burial at Oseney.] * leaf 39, back. with all privileges.

charter confermed; to god and to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruynge god, half of my Demayne In litull Tywe, with all þe mese of my Demayne, and of v. 3erdes of londe of vilenage (or of bonde-holde¹), þat is to say, dñ. an hide 4 the which Godwyn helde, and j. 3erde þe which is i-callid the 3erde of Salomon, and the 3erde þe which William of Tackeley helde, & j. 3erde þe which Richard of Saunforde helde: these londis I 3afe and grauntid to the foresaide church, with my 8 body that² thedū I wo[w]id, In-to ffee pure and perpetueff almes, with all thynges þe which to þe foresaide lon*dys per- teyned, bothe In mesis, and in Medes and ffedynges, In weyes and patthis, and In waters, and in all othē thynges & places: 12 to Be i-holde, of me and of myne heyres, ffrely & quietly fro all seruyce, Sauynge þe Kynges seruice: þese witnessis, &c³.

About 1250? Confirmation to Oseney, by Alan son of Matthew of Rumeley, as feudal superior, of nos. 181 and 183,

[182.] KNOWE þey that ben now and to Be that I, Aleyn̄e of Estoñ, þe soone of mathew of Rumeley, for my helth & 16 of myne, haue i-grauntid and with this my present charter haue i-confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Saynte mary of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruynge god, þe 3ifte that Robert flȝt Gaufride maade to þem of 20 all his londe³ In litull tywe, with all his pertinences, Bothe of þe Demayne & of þe villenage (or bondage), In-to ffee and per- petueff almes, sauynge þe Kynges seruice, as the charter of þe foresaide Robert þe which þe same chanon̄s haue witnesseth. 24 I haue i-grauntid also for me and myne heyres for Euer to þe foresaide church & chanon̄s þat [they] the same londe, with all his pertinences, haue and holde, weff and in pece, hooly & ffrely, quite of Relefs and all exaccions and Demaundes, Sutes, 28 & all thynges þe which may be axid of þe londe, Sauynge þe Kynges seruice. And I Aleyn̄e and my heyres þe forsaide londe, with all his pertinences, and with all þe foresaide thynges, to þe myndyd church and chanon̄s for Euer schaff warantize 32 agaynste all pepull: and for this graunte confirmacion and warantizynge þe saide chanon̄s 3afe to me v⁴te. marke⁴ of Siluer. In-to witesse of þe which, &c³.

with re- nunciation of feudal rights (except scut- age),

Oseney pay- ing him £3 6s. 8d.

¹ Alternative rendering: 'terre de vile- nagio.'

² 'quod illuc devovi.'

³ MS. has 'bonde,' by a slip.

⁴ i. e. 'quinque marke': cp. 148/21.

[183.] BE hit i-knowe both to þe^m þat Be nowe and to Be that I, Robert ffirst Gaufride, 3afe and grauntid, and with my present charter confermed, to god and to þe church of Saynte
 4 marie of Oseneye & to þe chanon^s þere seruynge god, In-to pure and perpetuell almes, all my londe in litull Tywe, þe which londe I Bow³ght of Aleyⁿ ffirst Gaufride my Broþer for xl. marke of siluer, that is to say, thre hides (with ¹ all þe lordeschip), and
 8 seruice ² of dñ. an hide the which Raph ffirst Henry helde with his pertinences (that is to say, vj. d. and foreyne ³ seruice). This londe, with his pertinences, I 3afe and grauntid, for my helth and of myne & for the sowles of my ffadur and modur and
 12 of Aleyne my Broþer and of alle my kynnesfolkes, to þe foresaide church & to þe foresaide chanons, as ⁴ my Byng: to be holde, ffirely, quietly, hooly, and worschipfully, with medes and pastures, In weyes and patthis, with all ffredom^s and ffree Custom^s
 16 to þe same londe perteynyng By seruice of j. kny³ght to Be doo to Mathewe ffirst Aleyne my Broþer & to his Eyres. Þese witnesse, &c^o.

About 1200?
 Grant to Oseney, by Robert (of Neville) son of Jeffrey, of land bought for £26 13s. 4d. viz. three hides and feudal superiority over half a hide,

with all privileges, to be held by service of one knight.

[184.] KNOWE all meⁿ Bothe present and to Be that I, Mathew of Rumeley, þe soone of Adam of Eston, grauntid, and with my present charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruynge god, for my helth and of myne & for the sowles of all my aunceturs,
 24 þat 3ifte þe which Robert þe soone of Geffrey my heine ⁵ maade to þem of all his londe In litull tywe, with all his pertinences, Bothe of þe Demayne and of þe vilenage, In-to perpetuell almes, sauynge þe seraiçe of ow^r lorde Kyng, as þe charter of þe foresaide
 28 Robert witnessith.

About 1200?
 Confirmation to Oseney, by Matthew of Rumeley, as feudal superior, of nos. 181 and 183.

[185.] A charter of þe Kyng of þe same londe and of other in the same towne * Bitwene vs and Gilberte of Hide. 1211, Oct. * leaf 40.

Þis is A finall acorde In the Courte of owre lorde þe Kyng at Westmynster, fro þe Daye of Saynte Mizghell In-to xv. daies,

Confirmation to Oseney,

¹ 'cum toto dominio;' meaning that the three hides were in hand (as demesne-land), and not leased out as freehold or otherwise.

² 'servicium,' in accusative, going back

to 'hydas.'

³ 'forense servitium.'

⁴ 'sicuti empcionem meam.'

⁵ 'patruus meus.'

by Gilbert
of Hide,
nephew of
Robert of
Neville the
donor,

of no. 181,

and of
no. 183,

Oseney
paying him
£6 13s. 4d.

of þe Rayne of Kyng Joſin þe xiiij^o, afore þe Kyng hym-ſelfe,
Symon of pateshuſt, Jamys of poterne, Henry of pounte alde-
mare, Robert of Aumare, Roger Huſcarle, Juſtices, and oþer
true men of owre lorde þe Kyng þenne þere preſent; Bitwene 4
Gilbert of Hide, axer, and clement, Abbot of Oſeneye, holder,
By Roger, chanoyn, i-ſett in his ſtede to wyne or to leſe: of
vj. 3erdes of londe, and j. meſe, with þe pertinences, In lituſt
tywe: whereof hit was i-pletid Bitwene them, In the ſame 8
Courte: that iſ to ſay, þe ſame aforeſaide Gilbert releið and
quite-claymed, of hym-ſelfe and of his heyres, to þe forſaide
Abbot and to his ſuccessours & to þe church of ſeynt Marie of
Oſeney, all þe Ryȝht and clayme that he hað In the forſaide 12
vj. 3erdes, and the forſaide meſe, with þe pertinences, for Euer.
And furþermore the ſame Gilberte releið and quite-claymed,
of hym-ſelfe and of his Eyres, to þe ſame Abbot and to his ſuc-
cessours, all þe right and clayme þat he hað or myȝht haue In 16
viij. 3erdes [of land], with þe pertinences, the which Robert of
Neuile, þe huncle of the ſame Gilberte, ȝafe to þe church of
Saynte marie of Oſeney In-to pure and perpetuell almes. And
for this releſe, and quite-clayme, fyne, and acorde, þe forſaide 20
Abbot ȝafe to þe ſame Gilberte x^{cem} marke ¹ of Siluer, &c².

1217.

Decision of
a ſuit be-
tween Ose-
ney and the
rector of
Great Tew,

[186.] To all ſoones of owr holy modur the Church to
þe which this preſent writyngſchaft come, Hugh ², By the grace
of god Abbas of glowcetur ³, G. prior of lantone; and M. ⁴ 24
Archedecun of Glowcetur, Euerlaſtyng helth In owr lorde.
To all ȝowr knowlege we wuſte hit come, we the maundement of
owr lorde þe pope Honorye the iij. to haue i-take, In-to theſe
wordes:—

by papal
commis-
sioners,

Honorye, biſſhop, ſeruaunte of god, to ȝowr ⁵
i-loved ſoones thabbot of Glowcetur & prior of lantone and Arche-
decun of glowcetur, of þe Diociſe of Wircetur, helth & thapoſteles
bleſſyng. Owr Beloued ſoones thabbot and Couent of Oſeneye 32
have Greuously i-playned to vs that owr worſchipfull Broþer
þe Biſſhop of Couentre and ſumme prelates of churchis and
mony oþer clerkes and lay-men of lincoln and Wircetur Diociſe,

¹ i. e. 'decem,' retaining the Latin.

² 'H.' incorrectly expanded by the trans-
lator. Henry Blount, abbot of Gloucester,
1212-24.

³ In MS. 'writyngs shall come' follows,
by dittography.

⁴ Maurice of Arundel, 1210-45.

⁵ Read 'owr.'

vppon̄ these thynges; they¹ been i-zeve to þere monasterie
 By the weye of charite, þem and̄ the same monasterie (agaynste
 þe priueleges of þe pope, and̄ pardon̄s, and̄ fredom̄s i-zeve
 4 of goode Denocion of cristen̄ men̄) grevyñ mony-foldely and̄
 trowblyn̄. Whereof pay prayd vs mekely, þat to þem In such
 maner þynges we prouidyng, wolde whochesafe to þe same
 monasterie, vppon̄ þes thynges þe which of þere goodes Beñ
 8 alienyð vnlawfully and̄ Distracte, by þe Benefete of Reuokyng
 to succurre. Wherefore to ʒow̄r Discrecion, By thaposteles
 wrytyng, [we] charge þat ʒe, not suffryng the Abbot and̄ Couent
 aforesaide to Be greued̄ agaynste þe tenoūr of þe pardouns and̄
 12 oþer fredom̄s of þem, þoo thynges, þe which of þe goodys of þe
 monasterie ʒe fynde i-alienyð In-to there hurt, or with-Drawe, ʒe
 labour̄² to ryʒht, and̄ propurte of þem lawfully to reuoke,
 grevowres and̄ vndewe aʒene-saiers by streitnesse which is con-
 16 uenient ʒe compellyng (Appellyng i-put A-Backe). And ʒif ʒe
 all̄ may not Be at pese thynges * to Be Executid̄, tweyne of ʒow
 napelesse execute þem̄. Þe date at peruse þe iij^o non. of
 Auguste, In þe first ʒere of oure Bisshophoode.
 20 Þefore, By the auctorite of this maundement, þabbot and̄
 Couent standyng In owre presence By þere procuratoūr of
 þe cone partie, and̄ W. person̄ of þe church of More tywe (Also
 By A procuratour) of þe oþer, In whos procusies³ whas i-con-
 24 teyned̄ that þabbot and̄ Couent of Oseney and̄ þe foresaide
 person̄ where to haue rate and̄ sure what-so-Euer thyng þere
 procuratours wholde doo afore vs, or⁴ In knowlegyng, or In
 ʒevyngvppe, or In stryuyng, or In compownyng; þe procuratour
 28 of thabbot and̄ Couent of Oseney purposid̄⁵ agaynste þe pro-
 curatour of þe foresaide W. þat þe same W. whas⁶ Abowte to
 take Aweye fro þem vnryʒhtfully the smale tithis [of⁷ the
 nourishing] of þere Bestes at litul Tywe Abidyng, Where that⁸
 32 (By þe auctorite of here priuileges of the pope i-ʒeye to þem) fro
 þe ʒevyng of small tithis pey ofte to Be not partyng⁹. This¹⁰

* leaf 40,
 back.
 appointed
 1216, Aug. 3,

about pay-
 ment of
 small tithes
 at Little
 Tew,

¹ Read 'that': 'qu[a]e.'

² The English is dark because verbally following the Latin: 'studeatis ad ius et proprietatem ipsius [monasterii] legitime revocare.'

³ 'in quorum procuratoriis.'

⁴ 'siue confitendo, siue cedendo, siue liti-
 gando, siue componendo.'

⁵ 'proposuit.'

⁶ 'nitebatur extorquere.'

⁷ 'de nutrimentis animalium suorum.'

⁸ 'where that' = whereas, when: 'cum.'

⁹ 'not partyng' is intended to render
 'immunes.'

¹⁰ Read 'The.'

from which
Oseney
claimed
exemption,

and
obtained it,

on condi-
tion of pay-
ing 4s.
yearly to
Great Tew
church.

which priuileges i-schewed afore vs, and of þe procuratour of þe
saide W. i-say ¹ and vnderstande, þe same procuratour afore vs
knowlegid hym-selfe noþyng to ² knowe or to mowe of ryȝht to
þe saide priueleges to Obiecte, or oony þyng to purpose, But 4
þat thabbot and Couent aforesaide, after þe tenour of þe fore-
saide priuileges, fro þe ȝeving of þe smale tithis ofte to Be
Dischargid or immune. Perfore whe, with þe consaile of wise
meñ sittying with vs, syth to ryȝlit disposicions noþyng of 8
taryng ofte to Be browȝht, what ³ of þe Intencion of thabbot
and of þe Couent of Oseney, what ⁴ By confession of þe pro-
curatour of þe saide W., what ⁴ By the seying of þe same
priuileges, hit was i-schewid Euidently, þabbot and Couent 12
aforesaide fro þe Axynge of þe saide W. vppon þe ȝeving of þe
smale [tithes] we wille þem to Be assoyled, puttyng silence to
þe same W., sentencially Decreyng thabbot and Couent afore-
saide to Be immune (or partles ⁵) fro þe ȝeving of þe foresaidesmale 16
tithis. And þe mynded Abbot and Couent, with goode-wille and
of grace, to þe church of more Tywe, as longe as lituff Tywe pay
In þere hande helde, iiij. s. ȝerely, In the ffest of pentecost
Euery ȝere at þe foresaide church to be i-payde, þey grauntid: 20
And (at ⁶) laste By length of tyme, or By malice of meñ, to
be denyed or to be broke or also ⁷ in Dowte hit may be callid,
þoo þynges, þ^o which in owre presence Be doo by the auctorite
of owr holy ffaduȝ and lorde pope, In-to perpetueff memorye in- 24
to this present writyng we haue i-turned, and the same with þe
puttyng to of owr seelys we haue i-strenghtidh. Thes wit-
nessis, &c^o.

About
1260.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert
Brock
of a messu-
age and
curtilage,

[187.] Knowe þoo that Be present and to be þat I, Robert 28
Brock, ȝafe, grauntid, and with my present charter confermed,
to god and to þe church of Seynte Marye of Oseney and to
Richard⁸ Abbot and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, A mese
with þe Curtilage In lituff Tywe, with all his pertinences, þat 32
is Vndur my garydñ of þe Northe parte: to be holde and to Be
had, to þe saide church and chanons and to here successours, in-

¹ 'inspectis et intellectis.'

² 'scire vel posse, de iure.'

³ 'cum.'

⁴ 'tūm.'

⁵ Alternative rendering of 'immune.'

⁶ Omit 'at.' 'Laste' = lest: 'ne . . .'

⁷ 'etiam.'

⁸ Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

- to free and *perpetuell* almes, *ȝeldyng þerof ȝerely* to me & to my heyres *iiij. d.* at *Estur* for all thynges þe which of þe londe or for þe londe may or schaff mowe to be axid^r for Eue^r. Also
- 4 I have *i-ȝevyd* to þe saide church and chanon^s & to þere successeurs, In-to pure and *perpetuell* almes, sevenⁿ acris of my Arable londe In þe felde^s of litull Tywe, with ffre Commune, and ffre Entryng & goyng owt, þorowgh * all my londes of litull Tywe :
- 8 of þe which j. acre lieth In the Northefelde At White Otehulle by þe londe þe which was of William Tackle, And j. acre lieth At depecathalle¹ By the londe of þe prior of Cogges, And j. lieth At litull slade, And j. dȝ.-acre lieth at Ha[n]gyndelonde by þe
- 12 londe of þe prior of Coges ; And In þe sowthfelde, j. acre lieth In Brode slade by þe londe of þabbot of Oseney, And j. acre lieth In Coppede More By the londe of Roger Belamy, And j. acre lieth at Shendegifte stamdelf², & dȝ. acre lieth in shorte
- 16 londe.

subject to
4d. quit-
rent,

and of [a
quarter-
yardland,
viz.]

* leaf 41.

3½ acres in
North field,

and 3½ in
South field,

- And I, Robert, and my heyres or myne assynes, þe saide mese, with þe Curtilage, and with all liberteis and ffre customs, by the foresaide *seruice* of *iiij. d.* ȝerely, & ³ þe foresaide *vij. acris*,
- 20 with þere *pertinences*, and ffre commune and ffre Entre and goyng-owte, as hit is i-saide afore, to þe foresaide church & chanon^s and to þere successors, agaynste all cristeñ meñ and Juys schaff warantize, and of all maner Sutes of Courte, helpis,
- 24 tallages, scutages, exaccions, & demaundys, schaff Aquite and Defende for Eue^r. And þat this my ȝifte, graunte, and confirmation, &c^o.

with rights
of pasture.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

- [188.] In þe ȝere of ou^r lorde Kyng Henry þe sone of Kyng
- 28 John lij^o, In the daye of Saynte Barnabe thapostle, was þis couenaunt i-made, Bitwene frere William Abbot of Oseney and þe prior of Coges and Dame Katherine louell and Robert Broc lordes of þe towne of litull Tywe and oper ffre tenautes of þe
- 32 same towne of þe oone party, and John of prateñ lorde of more tywe of þe oper, þat is to say, whenne þe saide John had i-sowe and In-hokam⁴ had i-doo of his telth þe which Is i-callid Costowe agaynste þe wiñ of þe saide Abbot and of oper afore-

1288,
June 11.
Agreement
(cp. no. 193)
between
Oseney,
with other
freeholders
of Little
Tew,
and the
lord of
Great Tew
manor

¹ Depe Kathole.

² Shendegiste Stanidelf.

³ Omit '&.' It occurs also in the Latin.

⁴ i.e. fenced it with hurdles to protect the crop: 'inhokam fecisset de quadam cultura.'

(who had,
(a) contrary
to manorial
rotation,
put lands
into *inhook*
and cropped
them, and
(b) excluded
Oseney and
the others
from com-
mon pas-
ture on cer-
tain fallow
lands),
that Oseney
and the
others
shall have
their pas-
ture-rights
undis-
turbed,

they allow-
ing him to
gather
most of
this year's
crop from
the lands in
question.

namyd, and¹ ouermore In-to forbedyng had i-put þe commune pasture of all [the] warecte or leylande Bitwene þe wey þe which Is i-callid Wodewey and litull Tywe, þe which commune þe aide Abbot, and þe fornamyd, claymed of olde to Be his 4 ryȝht for certeyne seruice pat to þe same John and to oper certeyne lordys of þe same towne By² þe custumarijs doon: At þe last, it was A-cordid bitwene [them] in this forme, pat þe saide John grauntid, for hym-selfe and his heyres, pat the 8 saide Abbot and oper lordis aforenamyd haue commune pasture In þe forsaide places & telthes, as þey were i-woned and³ oftē. And he agayne⁴ knowlechið hit⁵ to be þe Abbotes ryȝht and of oper lordes aforenamed & of þer men, al so ofte a[s] fro 12 þe saide telthis corn is i-Borne away and þe londe Be not i-sowe. And he Bunde hym-selfe and his heyres for Euer, By his fleitht and þis present writyng, pat he neuer of þe saide pasture schall sowe no-pyng, noþer In-hokam schall doo, In- 16 to preiudice of þe saide Abbot and of oper lordis afore-named, But of þe consent of þe parties, or By Juggement of þe Kynges Courte. And, for þe⁶ recognicion and graunte, (of⁷) þe saide Abbot and oper lordes aforenamed; after a parte of þe saide 20 telth i-sowe By þere Beestes [they] haue⁸ i-fedde, of þere grace haue i-suffrid pat þe saide John the vestiture (or grasse⁹) of þe same telthe þe which Abode, withoute þere lette, In this ȝere alone may gadu & haue, so napelese that þis grace to þe same 24 here-after Be not i-turned In-to preiudice & greuaunce. And that this conuencion, recognicion, and graunte, Be sure & stabull for Euer, And¹⁰ partijs to this writyng In-to the maner of A Charter i-maade to Euerich wordes¹¹ pay haue i-put to þere 28 seales: Þese witnessis, &c^o.

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney,

[189.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe present and to Be pat I, Katerine Lovuell, for þe helth of my sowle and of my aunceturs, In free widewhoode and my lavfull power, safe, and 32

¹ 'et insuper in defensum posuisset.'

² Read 'by their custumaries yearly they do': 'annuatim per custumarios suos faciunt.'

³ 'et debent.'

⁴ Renders 'recognovit.'

⁵ 'illam,' i. e. common pasture in the stubble and fallow.

⁶ Read 'þis.'

⁷ Omit 'of.'

⁸ 'paverunt.'

⁹ 'vestituram eiusdem culture qu[a]e remansit:' i. e. the standing crop.

¹⁰ Read 'the.'

¹¹ Read 'other.'

grauntid, ande * with þis my charter confermed, to god and
 to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and to William¹, Abbot,
 and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe with
 4 A mese, with medes, & with his oþer pertinences, In litull Tywe
 þe which I had of Robert ffirst Robert of Brocke and of Richard
 of Sandeforde: to be holde and to Be had, of me and of my
 heyres, In-to pure and perpetuefl almes, al so muche as longeth
 8 to me and to myne heyres, 3eldyng þerof 3erely to Robert of
 Brock and to his heyres v. d. at cristmasse for all thynges
 þe which of þe londe or for þe londe maye or schaff mowe to Be
 axid for Euer. And I Katherine and my heyres þe saide 3erde-
 12 londe, with þe mese and oþer pertinences, to þe forsaide Abbot
 and chanon̄s, as pure and owr perpetuefl almes, agaynste all
 pepull schaffe warantize aquite and Defende. And that this
 my 3ifte, &c^o.

* leaf 41,
 back.
 by Katherine Lovell,
 of a yard-
 land, with
 its messu-
 age and
 meadow,

paying
 quit-rent of
 5d. to the
 chief lords.

16 [190.] KNOWE all men that I, Robert first Robert of Brock,
 grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, to god and
 to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere
 seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe, with A mese, medes, and oþer
 20 pertinences, þe which þey have of þe 3ifte of Dame Katherine
 louelle In litull Tywe: to Be had ande to Be holde, of me and
 of my heyres, to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer, 3eldyng þerof 3erely
 to me and to my heyres v. d. at cristmasse for all thynges
 24 þe which, of þe londe, or for þe londe, maye or schaff mowe
 to Be axid ffor Euer. And I Robert and my heyres þe saide
 3erde of londe, þe which Richard of Sanforde sumtyme helde,
 with mese, medys, and oþer pertinences, to þe forsaide chanon̄s,
 28 agaynste all cristen men and Juys, By þe foresaide seruice,
 schaff warantize aquite and Defende for Euer, ꝛ.

About
 1270.
 Confirmation
 to
 Oseney,
 by Robert
 of Brock,
 as feudal
 superior,
 of no. 189,
 subject to
 5d. quit-
 rent to his
 manor.

[Warranty
 against
 Jews.]

[191.] KNOWE 3e that Be present and to Be þat I, Robert
 of Brocke, 3afe, grauntid, and with my present charter con-
 32 fermyd, to god and to þe church of seynte marie of Oseney and
 to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng god, v. d. of 3erely rent, þe which
 to me þay were i-woned to 3elde for þat 3erde of londe, the
 which Richard of Sanford sumtyme helde In þe towne of litull
 36 Tywe: to be had and to Be holde, to þe saide church and

About
 1275.
 Grant to
 Oseney, by
 Robert of
 Brock, of
 the quit-
 rent
 reserved
 in 189, 190.

¹ William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

chanon^s, In-to pure and^r perpetue^{ll} almes. And I Robert and^r myne heyres or assynes þe saide 3erely v. d. to þe foresaide church and^r chanon^s agaynste a^{ll} cristen^d meⁿ and^r Juys schaff^r warantize aquite & defende for Euer as ou^r perpetue^{ll} alm^s, &c^o. 4

About
1275.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert of
Brock,
of a messu-
age and
croft,
and a yard-
land with
its meadow,

along with
its bond-
widow
tenant
and her
children.

* leaf 42.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

[192.] KNOWE þoo that Be present and^r to Be that I, Robert sone and^r heyre of Robert Brocke¹, 3afe, grauntid^r, and^r with this my present charter confermed^r, to god^d and^r to þe church of Saynte marie of Oseney and^r to William, Abbot, and^r to þe 8 chanon^s þere seruyng^r god, that mese, with þe Crofte and^r oþer pertinences, that Alice relice of William pateshu^{ll} sumtyme of me helde In litu^{ll} Tywe, And^r j. 3erde of londe Eury 3ere to Be sowe, with medys, and^r oþer pertinences, þe which þe saide Alice 12 of me helde In the feldys of litu^{ll} Tywe, And^r to þe þynges², I 3afe and^r haue i-grauntid^r to þe forsaid^e Abbot and^r Couent þe saide Ali3 sumtyme my Natife, And^r Roger and^r Robert and^r Ali3 childroⁿ of þe saide Ali3, with cata^{ll} and^r sequelis of þem, and^r 16 a^{ll} thyng^r that In þe foresaide tenementes, natyfs, sequelis, or þere cata^{ll}, I had^r or my3ght haue, withoute oony withhol^d dyng agayne to me or to myne heyres or assynes : to Be holde and^r to be had^r, to þe foresaide church and^r to þe chanon^s, of me and^r of 20 myne heyres or myne assynes, In-to pure and^r perpetue^{ll} almes. And^r I Robert and^r myne heyres or Assynes a^{ll} Above-saide thynges to þe foresaide church and^r chanon^s agaynste a^{ll} cristen^d meⁿ and^r Juys schaff^r warantize aquite & Defende as ow^r pure 24 & perpetue^{ll} almes. And^r that this my 3ifte, &c^o.

1288,
June 5.
Agreement
(cp. no. 188)
between
Oseney,
with other
freeholders
of Little
Tew,
and the
lord of
Great Tew
manor
and the
rector of

[193.] In the 3ere of þe Reyne of Kyng^r Edward^e þe sone of Kyng^r Henry þe xvj., daye of þe Saturday nexte afore þe feste of saynte Barnabe thapostle, was i-made pis couenaunt, Bitwene 28 firere Roger, Abbot of Oseney, and^r þe prior of Coges and^r John Broke, lordes of þe towne of litu^{ll} Tywe, and^r oþer ffree-holders of þe same towne, of þe oone parte, and^r John of prate^{ll} (&³) lorde of þe more tywe and^r Stephan of prate^{ll} and^r John penne seruaunte 32 of þe persoⁿ of þe same of þe oþer [parte], that is to say, whenne þe saide John, stephen, and^r John, had^r i-sowe and^r In-hoke had i-doo of a telthe the which Is i-called Costowe agaynste þe wille

¹ Roberti de Broke.

² 'Ad h[a]ec.'

³ Omit '&.'

of þe saide Abbot and of oper lordes aforenamed; & furþermore, Great Tew (who had unrightfully put certain lands into *inhook*, and had excluded Oseney, &c. from pasture-rights on certain fallow),
 In-to fforbedyng had put þe commune of all þe (pasture¹)
 warecte or leylande Bitwene² þe waye þe which Is i-callid
 4 Wodewey and litull Tywe, the [which] commune þe saide
 Abbot and þe fornamed claymed of olde to Be þe[re] right: At
 þe last, hit whas acordid Bitwene them in this forme, þat
 þe saide John and oper grauntid, for þem and þere heyres and
 8 assynes, þat þe saide Abbot and oper lordes aforenamyd haue
 comune pasture In þe forsaide places and telth as þey were
 i-wonyd to haue,

[that³ is to say] that oone 3ere þey Pe sowe, and after þe
 12 corne In the saide telthis i-gederyd to-gedur⁴, In the same 3ere
 þey Entre with all þere Bestes, to fede vn-to þe tyme of wyntur
 seede (and⁵) in oper 3ere⁶ folowyng, if with lente⁷ seede hit
 ofte to Be sowed; or vn-to þe tyme⁸ of lente sede of þe seyde
 16 3ere folowyng, if with lente sede þey ofte to Be sowe: so, þat
 is to say, that By⁹ the sowyng, mowyng of corne, gadryng
 or heepyng-to-gedur of þe same noo gile Be doo, so¹⁰ þat foresaide
 comuners haue þere forsaide commune In conueniente tyme:
 20 and hit [is] to Be knowe, þat þe saide telthes In oone 3ere schall
 Be sowe and In A-noper 3ere lye leye.

And they maade a knowlege (þat is to say, þe forsaide John, and that Oseney (with the others) shall be undisturbed in their pasture-rights
 Stephen, and John) þe foresaide commune to Be ryght of
 24 þe saide Abbot and of oper lordes aforenamyd and of þere men
 whenne-so-Euer In the saide telthis þe corne Be i-gaderyd
 In the forme aforesaide, And they haue i-Bownde þem-selfe and
 þere heyres and assynes, By goode fleith & By this present
 28 writyng, þat neuer of þe saide pasture they schall¹¹ oony thyng
 schall sowē, noper in-hoke schall Doo, agaynste þe forme afore-
 saide; & if þay doo, þey graunte, for þem-selfe, and for here
 heyres and assynes, that þey schall pay to þe saide Abbot and
 32 to oper lordes Above-saide of litull Tywe x. li. of sterlynges for
 under penalty of £10;

¹ Omit 'pasture.'

² MS. repeats 'bitwene.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ 'post bladum . . . adunatum.'

⁵ Omit 'and.'

⁶ The pasture, in one case, would be from Michaelmas to October next; in the other, from Michaelmas to March.

⁷ Read 'winter': 'si semine hiemali

debeant seminari.'

⁸ 'tempus seminis quadragesimalis.' In Essex, the terms 'Lent seed,' 'Lent sowing,' though still remembered by country people, are no longer in actual use.

⁹ Read 'after': 'post seminationem.'

¹⁰ i. e. to prevent the comuners from having: 'quin . . . habeant.'

¹¹ Omit 'schall.'

and that
Oseney, &c.
may pas-
ture this
year on the
enclosed
land;

* leaf 42,
back.
and that
Great Tew
manor pay
£6 13s. 4d.
as fine for
unlawful
enclosure,

Oseney
(after put-
ting in
cattle to
vindicate
their right
to pasture
the whole)
allowing
the crop
to be
gathered.

þe transgression or lette¹ of þe commune aforesaide; And ouermore, hit schaff Be lawfull to þe saide Abbot, and to oper lordes of litull Tywe, and to þere meñ, þe saide pasture or In-hoke, In the 3ere of þe makyng of this presente writyng, 4 with all þere Bestes to Entre and pesibly to fede; And, for In-hokam in the 3ere of þe makyng of this present writyng vn-ry3ghtfully i-doo, þe saide John * of prateñ for hym-selfe, frely², and his custumarijs, he pleggid³ to þe saide Abbot x. marke of 8 sterlynges, puttyng hym-selfe þere-of In the Abbotes grace, and to Be payde at litull Tywe at þe nexte Estur aftyr þe makyng of this writyng, and þere-of he ffounde plegge, þat is to say, Robert le Eyre thenne Baylyff of Wodestoke, Edmunde of þe 12 parke of þe same, Robert of Tackle; and for þe recognicion and graunte, þe saide Abbot and oper of litull tywe aforenamed, after a parte of þe saide pasture, or In-hoke vnry3ghtfully i-doo, by here Bestes were i-fedde, of the[ir] grace suffrid, þat þe saide 16 John of prateñ, and his aforesaide, þe vestiture of þe saide In-hoke the which abode, withoute lette, allonly In the 3ere of þe makyng of this writyng my3ght gedur and Bere away, so napeles þat þat grace to þe saide Abbot and to opere i-named after 'Be 20 not i-turned In-to preiudice and greffe. In-to witnyssse of this thyng, parties to þis writyng In-to þe maner of A charter i-made to euerich opere here seesles haue i-putt: These witnesses Sir John f3zt Nygeñ þe 3unger, John Gyffarde þe 3unger, Kny3ghtes, 24 Robert le Eyre þenne Baylyffe of Wodestoke, William of Seynt Ewenne, Walter of Tackle, Edmunde of þe parke of Wodestoke, John leye, and oper.

About
1280.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by John of
Brook,
of his
father's
grants (as
in nos. 187,
190-2),

[194.] To all cristen meñ to þe which this present writyng 28 schaff come, John of Broc, of litull Tywe, helth in owr lorde. Knowe 3e all me to haue i-grauntid and with myne present charter confermed⁵ to haue i-confermed, for me and my heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney 32 and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe 3iftes and grauntes þe which to þeñ made By his charters Robert Broc my ffadur and all my predecessoures, of londes and rentes, with here per-

¹ 'seu impedimento.'

² Read 'his free tenants': 'libere tenentibus.'

³ 'vadiavit.'

⁴ Read 'afore': 'prenominatis.'

⁵ Omit 'confermed.'

- tinences, þe which þey holden of my ffee In lituþ Tywe, þat þey holde ande haue þem, quietly holy firely and pesibly, paying jere to me and to my Eyres or to myne assynes iiij. d. at
- 4 Estur for all thynges þe which, for þe lond, or of þe londe, may Be axid or schaff mowe to Be axid for Euer, þe which iiij. d. I schaff azene paye In the same daye and terme for A place vpon þe which A Culuerhowse is i-fundid [in¹ my court].
- 8 And I John of Broc and my heyres or myne assines þe forsaide londes and rentes, with all þere pertinences, agaynste all cristen men and Jues schaff warantize Aquite and Defende and that this graunte &c^o.
- to be held by quit-rent of 4d., which he will pay back as rent for the site of a dove-house.
- [Warranty against Jews.]

[XXX. GREAT TEW.]

- 12 [195.] A SENTENCE diffinitive Agaynste William, person of þe church of more tywe, i-3efe By thabbot of gloucetur prior of lantonye and þe Archedecon of gloucetur of þe smale tithis In lituþ Tywe, above In the tituþ of 'lituþ Tywe.'
- Reference to no. 186.
- 16 [196.] A CHARTER agaynste John of Prateþ of A commune, i-3efe In þe jere of þe Reyne of þe Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John [lii], above In þe tituþ of 'lituþ Tywe.'
- Reference to no. 188.

[XXXI. DUNSTEW.]

- [197.] THABBOT of Oseney hath In Dunstywe, of þe 3ifte 20 of Robert Doylly, and confirmacions of Kynges of Inglande, and confirmacion and graunte of Bisshopes and of * þe chapter of lincoln, ij. parties of tithes of scheves of þe Demayne of Hugh of Tywe, as hit is i-schewed In þe grete charter of þe feffyng of
- 24 þe same þe which is Above In þe title 'Howe þe church of Saynte George whas i-3efe to the chanons of Oseney.'
- Reference to * leaf 43. no. 21.

- [198.] BE hit i-knowe to all cristen menne to þe which þese present letters schaff come, that, where A question whas 28 i-maade, Bitwene Hugh², Abbot of Oseneye, and þe Couent
- About 1200. Agreement between Oseney

¹ Added from the Latin.² Hugh of Buckingham, abbot 1184-1205.

and Merton of þe same place of þe oon^d partie, and^r Water¹ prior of Mertoñ
 priory, of þe oper^e partie, vppon^d the tithis of A 3erde of londe In
 about tithes of a yard- þe towne of tywe, of þe which tithis chanons of Oseney ij. scheves
 land in to þem and^r iij. scheves² to þe chanon^s of Mertoñ saide to per- 4
 Great Tew, tayne, þe which 3erde was of Raph^h ffigt lambert, þe³ which
 he helde In þe tyme of þe controuersie of Aurede ffigt Richard :
 at þe laste, parties i-called^r to-gedu^r, at Wodestoke, afore wor-
 schipfull meñ Robert Abbot of Enysham and Geffrey Abbot of 8
 Bruerñ and^r Alizaundu^r prior of Esseby, þenne Jugges, In that
 cause, of þe pope, delegate, such Bitwene theme come⁴ bitwene
 the composicion, þat is to say, that þe chanon^s of Oseney all
 Oseney re- ry3ght þat in þe saide tithis paye saide hem-selfe to haue, and^r 12
 linquishing all claim thoo tithis, to þe chanon^s of Mertoñ holy for Euer to be had,
 pay relesed^r, for þe goodenesse of pece, and^r quite-claymed^r, and^r
 that here-aft^r, vppon^d 5 þat, question^d or playnte schall not
 on condi- meve, noþer greuance doo; And þe chanon^s of Mertoñ to þe 16
 tion of Mer- chanon^s of Oseney xij. d. euery 3ere schall paye, In þe ffest
 ton priory of Seynte Mi3ghel^l to be paide at Oseneye. And that this
 paying a yearly quit- composicion, In tyme to Be, be sure and^r vnbroke, to þe oone
 rent of 1s. halfe of þe charter þe which hauēñ the chanon^s of Oseneye was 20
 i-putte the seele of þe Couent of mertoñ, and^r to þe othe^r halfe
 þe which hauēñ þe chanon^s of Mertoñ whas i-put þe Seele of þe
 Couent of Oseneye: þese witnesses.

1225. [199.] KNOWE þey that Be nowe and^r to Be that I, Raph^h of 24
 Sale to Melkysham, for myne helth and^r of myne, 3afe, grauntid^r, and^r
 Oseney, by Ralph of with my present charter confermed^r I haue, to god and^r to þe
 Melkys- church of Seynte marye of Oseney and^r to þe chanon^s þere
 ham, of a yard- seruyng god, j. 3erde of londe In Dunstywe þe which was of þe 28
 land in Demayne of stephyñ Runcyñ, with a mese nexte to þe howse of
 Dunstew, with its Wymunde of Dunstywe, and^r with all oper^e pertinences, þat is to
 messuage, say, þe 3erde of londe the which Petur⁶, ffigt Stephyñ (preste
 of Ortoñ), for homage and^r my seruice, 3afe to me and^r to my 32

¹ Walter, prior 1198.

² In Latin also 'tres garbas,' but probably in error for 'the third sheaf,' according to the division in no. 21.

³ The Cotton MS. has 'which at the time of the controversy Richard son of Alured held.'

⁴ 'Come bitwene' is a literal rendering of a Latin compound verb: 'talis inter eos intercessit compositio.'

⁵ 'super hoc, questionem eis non movebunt.'

⁶ 'Petrus filius Stephani sacerdotis de Orton.'

- heyres or to whoome I wolde assyne, the which also londe with
 þe pertinences I Raph dischargid by assyse afore Sir Martyn
 Patessehuft and oþer Justices of our lorde þe Kynge at oxon-
 4 forde agaynste þe foresaide petur soone of þe preste, Roger
 Runcyn, and Henry Ruffun, clerke: to be holde and to Be had,
 to the saide chanons for Euer, in-to ffree and perpetueñ almes,
 well and In peece, worschipfully and holy, with the mese afore-
 8 saide, and all pertinences, In medes, pastures, weyes & patthis, and its
 with all fredoms, and fre customs, and all other thynges and privileges,
 places to þe foresaide londe [pertaining], & what-soo-Euer þyng
 of Ryght In þe same londe with the pertinences I had or myght
 12 * haue, withoute oonye withholdyng, payyng zerey to þe fore- * leaf 43,
 saide petur, and too his heyres, j. peyre of gloves of j. ob. at back.
 Estur, for all seculer service, exaccion, and Demaunde, sauynge to be held
 foreyne¹ service. Vppon þe zeldyng of þe foresaide gloves by yearly
 16 the foresaide chanons I haue attorned to þe foresaide petur and payment of
 to his heyres, and I and myne heyres þe saide londe with all a half-
 thynges aforenamyd to þe saide chanons for Euer schall waran- penny pair
 tize agaynste all pepull. And for þis zifte graunte confermyng of gloves to
 20 and warantizyng þe forsaid chanons zafe to me, of þe charite of the chief
 þere howse, a C. s. of sterlynges. And that þis my zifte², &c³. lord:

purchase-
money, £5.

- [200.] KNOWE poo that Be present and to be pat I, petur of 1225.
 Shipton, þe soone³ of stephyñ preste of Orton, for myne helth
 24 and of myne, Sure and well had grauntid, & with my present
 charter confermed for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte
 marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, þe zifte
 That to them made Raph of Melkysham of j. zerde of londe In
 28 Dunstywe, þe which was of þe Demayne of Stephyñ Runcyn,
 with the mese mooste Nyzeste to the howse of Wymunde of
 Dunstywe, and with all oþer pertinences, þe which londe with
 þe pertinences þe same Raph discharged by assise afore Martyn
 32 of Pateshuft and oþer Justices of our lorde þe Kynge at oxon-
 forde agaynste me and Roger Runcyn ande Henry Reede clerke:
 to be holde and to be had, to þe same chanons for Euer, of me
 and of myne heyres, well and In pece, holy and worschipfully,
 36 with all the pertinences, In all thynges and places to þe same

¹ 'salvo forinseco servicio.'

² The first witness is Walter Foliot,

sheriff of Oxfordshire (1225).

³ 'filius Stephani sacerdotis de Orton.'

subject to
the gloves
quit-rent,

londe *perteynynge*, *zeldyng* *pereof* *zerely* to me and to myne heyres
j. payre of gloves of j. ob. at Estur for alle *seruice*, *exaccion*, and
Demaunde, sauynge foreyne *seruice*. Vppoñ þe *zerely* *zeldyng* of
þe which gloves þe same Raph þe same chanon̄s to me and⁴
to myne heyres attorned, as þe charter of þe same Raph þe
which vppoñ that they haueñ witnesseth. In-to witnessse¹, &c².

About
1230.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by Roger
Runcyn,
as feudal
superior,
of no. 199,

[201.] KNOWE poo that Be present and to be pat I, Roger
Runcyn þe soone of Stephyne Runcyn, for myne helth of² and⁸
myne, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed; to
god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe
chanon̄s þere seruyng god, þe zifte that to þem made Raph
of Melkysham of j. *zerde* of londe In Dunstywe, the which whas 12
of þe Demayne of þe same Sthephyn my fadur, with the mese
nexte to þe howse of Wymunde of Dunstywe, and with all
þe *pertinences*, whereof pay have a charter of þe foresaide Raph.
I grauntid also, & with this present charter confermed; to 16
þe foresaide chanon̄s, pat relese and quite-clayme þe which
made to þem petur of Shipton, þe soone of Sthephyn preste
of Orton, of a *zerely* rente of a payre of Gloves of j. ob. at Estur
þe which to hym to doo þey were i-woned *zerely* for the same 20
zerde of londe, whereof they haueñ a charter of þe same * Petur.
I wille also and graunte, for me and for myne heyres for Euer,
that þe foresaide chanon̄s haue and holde þe foresaide *zerde*
of londe, with all þe *pertinences*, & all liberteis and *Esementes* 24
In the foresaide charter of þe foresaide Raph i-conteyned, In-to
ffre and *perpetueñ* almes, welte and In pece, ffrely and worschip-
fully, with the foresaide relese and quite-clayme of þe foresaide
petur, and quite fro all *seculer seruice* *exaccion* and Demaunde, 28
sauynge foreyne *seruice*. And that this graunte, &c².

and of
Peter of
Shipton's
[married
clergy]
quit-claim
of the
gloves
* leaf 44.
(named
in 200),

reserving
to his
manor only
'foreign
service'
(i. e. to the
king).

About
1260.
Sale to
Oseney,
by Hugh
of Tew,
of his right
in the site
of a house,

[202.] To all men to þe which this presente writyng schall
come, Hugh of Tywe helth. To þour all knowleche I wille hit
come [me], for me and myne heyres for Euer, to haue i-relesed³²
and quite-claymed, to pabbot and Couent of Oseney, all þe
ryght and clayme that I had; or myght haue, In parte of
an howse of Roger of Dunstywe, tenaunte of them, vppoñ my

¹ Among them: 'Simone Schorchebef, Iohanne filio sacerdotis de Hantona.'

² Read 'and of.'

londe leuyd, and I wille and graunte for me and myne heyres that þe waye Bitwene þe londe of þe same Roger and my londe by ¹ þe curtilage or gardeyne of hym be in þe same state in þe
 4 which it whas i-purueyed² by þe sigȝht of lawfuȝl meñ of þe hundrede In the tyme of theobalde of Bray, sun-tyme my keper³, when the hundrede whas þere i-callid to-geduñ in the tyme of John of Worton⁴ baylyff of þe same hundrede, And
 8 þat, as⁵ þenne markyng whas i-sette by boundes i-sett by the foresaide lawfuȝl meñ by⁶ the londe of þe same Roger and my londe by þe dwellyng of hym, Surely and vnmevably [hit] be keped. And, for this relese and quite-clayme, ȝafe to me þe
 12 saide Abbot j. marke of siluer. And þat þat sure and vnbroke hit Abide, &c^o.

and acknowledgement of a right of way,

as marked out by an inquisition of the hundred :

Oseney paying 13s. 4d.

[203.] To all cristen meñ to þe which these presente letters Endentid schall come, Thomas, Abbot of Oseney of lincoln
 16 diocise, and John, prior of þe priory of Merton of Wynchester diocise, and of the same places couentes, helth In the Sauour of all meñ and vndowtefuȝl feith to þese presente writynges to ȝeve. Where, bitwene vs þe saide Abbot and Couent of Oseneye
 20 of þe oone partie, and þe foresaide prior and Couent of Merton proprietaries and persons of þe parisch church of Dunstywe of þe saide lincoln diocise to vs and to ouñ priorye vnyed⁷ and annexid and Incorporate of þe oone⁸ partie, by occasion and
 24 sake of a porcion of tithis of þe lordeschip and of þe Demayne londes of þe lordeschip of Dunstywe alias⁹ tywe (withinne þe saide parisch of Dunstywe i-sette) comyng forth, grete disencions and discordes were i-sprunge, we þe saide Abbot and
 28 Couente of Oseney affermyng ij. parties of þe tithis of þe foresaide lordeschip to vs and to ouñ monastery, bothe by þe strenght of an oolde ȝifte and graunte of þe foresaide tithis to vs and to ouñ monastery aforesaide In þe fundacion of oolde tyme to
 32 be maade, and also of oolde & laudabife and lawfully prescripte custome, to haue i-conteyned¹⁰, to perteyne, and¹¹ to perteyne

144²/₃, Jan. 27. Grant by Oseney, to Merton priory,

of a perpetual lease of Oseney rights in the tithe of the demesnelands of Dunstew,

¹ 'iuxta.'

² 'provisa fuit.'

³ 'quondam custodis mei.'

⁴ 'de Wottona.'

⁵ 'sicut tunc limitacio facta fuit.'

⁶ Read 'between': 'inter.'

⁷ 'unite.'

⁸ Read 'other': 'ex parte altera.'

⁹ 'alias.'

¹⁰ Read 'i-perteyned': 'pertinuisse.'

¹¹ 'et pertinere debere in futurum.'

to be dewe In tyme to Be; and to vs¹ aforesaide prior and couent of þe priory of Merton proprietaries and persons the foresaide In contrarie affirmyng þe porcion of þe foresaide tithis and þoo tithis to vs and to our priorye aforesaide by ryght and⁴ name of our parisch church aforesaide of Dunstywe to perteyne: At þe laste, we, þe foresaide [abbot] & prior * and Couentes aforesaide, stryves controuersies and discordes (as hit is i-put afore) bytwene vs i-sprunge and² þe which (by þe occasion of þe 8 fore-put þynges) myght fall or happe In tyme to be likely³ to put away willyng, after diuerse tetrynges In þis parte i-had, owr ffriendes comyng Bitwene, couetyng to avoyde þe hurtes of stryves, of þe consent and wille of Reuerende ffadur In criste 12 and of lorde Sir⁴ william (chaddeworth⁵) by þe grace of god Bissshop of lincoln ordinarie of þe place, haue i-compownyd and haue i-acordid In-to this maner: þat is to saye, that we þe foresaide Abbot and couent of þe foresaide monastery of Oseney, for 16 vs and owr successours, all þe foresaide tithis in þe saide parisch of Dunstywe (how-so-Euer we haue i-had, haue, or scholde ofte to haue), and⁶ for them þe which to vs of þe foresaide prior and couent vndur been i-grauntid, to þe same prior and Couent and²⁰ to þere successours we 3eve, relese, and (to⁷) þe same tithis to þe same prior and Couent & þere successours we graunte for Euer and conferme. And we, þe foresaide prior and Couent of þe priory of Merton, for þe porcion of þe tithis above-saide, 24 3eve and graunte to þe foresaide Abbot and Couent of þe monastery of Oseney of⁸ þere successours for Euer, a perpetuell rente or cense or 3erely⁹ graunte [of] xxvj. 3. viij. d.: to be had and to be take of vs and of our successours (of þe saide church 28 of Dunstywe, proprietarijs and persons), at Oseney aforesaide, In the ffest of all Seyntes Euery 3ere tyme¹⁰ to be, And also all charges to þe saide tithis longyng we (prior and Couent foresaide of Merton and our successours) schaffe bere and schaff 32 vndergoo for Euer. And ouer, we graunte, for vs and our

* leaf 44,
back.

at a quit-
rent of
£1 6s. 8d.,

Merton to
discharge
all burdens
due by the
tithe,

¹ For 'to us,' read 'we.' An ablative absolute is translated as if it had been dative.

² i.e. and those which.

³ Goes with 'myght': 'verisimiliter possent euenire.'

⁴ 'domini.'

⁵ Omit 'Chnddeworth,' inserted in error and not in the Latin. William Alnwick,

bishop 1436-49, is meant. John Chedworth was bishop 1451-71.

⁶ i.e. and in consideration of those things which: 'et pro hiis qu[a]e.'

⁷ Omit 'to.'

⁸ Read 'and.'

⁹ 'prestacionem annuam.'

¹⁰ 'in futurum.'

successours, that if hit happe þe foresaide rente, moneye, or preste¹ after oony terme [when] (as hit is i-saide afore) hit ofte to be payde, withinne² vj. monethis (and³ if hit) Be by-hynde vnpaid, or [we] þe forsaide charges and Eueriche to þe saide tithis longyng not to here or to paye, þat þenne we (þe foresaide prior and Couent of Merton) be i-holde to þe foresaide Abbot and couent of þe monastery of Oseney and to þere successours for euery lacke or Defawte of this maner of payment xiiij. s. and iiij. d. for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c⁴. The date xxvij. daye of þe moneth of Jenyvere⁵ In the 3ere of oure lorde M^cCCCC^{mo}xliij, And In the 3ere of þe Reyne of Kyng Henry þe vj. after the conqueste xxj^o.

with
penalty of
13s. 4d.
on each
occasion of
the quit-
rent being
in arrear.

[XXXII.] EDBURBURY.

[204.] THABBOT of Oseneye In Edburbury hath j. plowe of londe, with a mese, and oper pertinences, þe which Hugh of Tywe sumtyme Knyght 3afe to Nicoll of Weston, And þe saide Nycol to þe Howse of Oseneye. And hit is to be knowe that þat londe [is] of þe litull fee⁵ of Stafforde, and 3eldith scutage al so moche as longeth to þe halfe of j. scute, and þabbot maketh sute to þe hundrede of Bloxham to þe same.

Note of the
hide owned by
Oseney in
Adderbury, as
in nos. 205, 206,
and its
liability to scu-
tage as half of
a knight's
fee, and to suit
to the hun-
dred court.

[205.] KNOWE þey þat be present and to Be that I, Hugh of Tywe, 3afe and grauntyd and with this present charter con-fermyd, for me and myne heyres, to Nicoll of Weston, Mar-chaunte, j. mese with ij. croftes and all oper pertinences In the towne of Edburbury, and j. plowe of londe In the felde of þe same towne, with all his pertinences, þat is to say, Medes, pastures, weyes, patthis, waters, and with the *rentys of my free tenauntes, and homages, wardis, and relefs, and eschetes, and with all seruices of my Customaris, & all þat in the saide towne and felde I haue or may haue or to me or to myne heyres by oony ryght maye falle: to be had and to be holde, to þe foresaide Nycol and to his heyres or assynes, or⁶ to oony man

1269.
Sale to
Nicholas
of Weston,
by Hugh
of Tew,
of a messu-
age, 2 crofts,
and a hide,
* leaf 45.
with
manorial
privileges,

¹ 'prestacionem.'

² i. e. by the space of: 'per.'

³ Omit the bracketed words, inserted in error.

⁴ 'Iunii,' in the Latin.

⁵ 'de parvo feodo.'

⁶ 'vel cuicunque dare . . . voluerit.'

with prohibition to part with it to Jews, at a quit-rent of 6d.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £150.

About 1275. Sale to Oseney, by Nicholas of Weston-on-the-Green, [burial at Oseney] of a hide, with messuage, crofts, and meadow (as in 205), with its bond men,

subject to 6d. quit-rent to Tew manor (as the mesne lord).

to ȝeve selle or bequethe or to assyne he wille bothe to religious men and to oper (Juys owetake), frely quitey holy well and In pece for Euer, ȝeldyng perof ȝerely to me and to my heyres or to myne assynes, at Adburbury, vj. d. at cristemasse, for all 4
seculer *seruices*, *Sutes* of courtes, helpis, tallages, exaccions, and all oper demaundes in what-so-Euer maner or name they bee i-callid; the which of þe londe or for that londe maye be axid or schaff mowe, al so muche as to me or to my heyres *perteynyth*, 8
And doyng to þe chefe lordes¹ of þe ffee dewe *seruice* and i-wonyd. And I, Hugh, and myne heyres or assines, þe fore-saide mesis and Croftes and plowe of londe, with all þere pertinences, to þe foresaide Nycoff and to his heyres or assynes 12
all (except Juys), agaynste all men and women, cristen and Juys, for þe foresaide *seruice* schaff warantize for Euer, aquite, & defende. And for this ȝevyng and of this present charter confermyng and warantizyng aquite & defendyng, þe foresaide 16
Nycoff ȝafe to me Cl. ii. of goode & lawfull moneye by-fore handes in weryson. And that all these thynges before-namyd Sure and stabull for Euer abide, &c^o. The witnesse, Sir thomas of Seynte Wygoŕ, þenne shreue of oxonforde; Sir Raph of 20
Dyue, Knyghtes, &c^o.

[206.] KNOWE tho that been present And to bee pat I, Nycoff of Weston, ȝafe and grauntid; and with my present charter confermyd; to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of 24
Oseney and to William Abbot and to þe chanons þere *seruyng* [God], where I haue i-wollyd me to be i-beried; j. plowlonde, with the pertinences, In the towne and feldis of Edburbury, with my chefe mese, as with medis and Croftes, and with 28
homages and *seruices* of my free tenauntes, and with my bonde men and þere catall and *seruices* & sequelis, and all þat in the foresaide towne or feldis I had or myȝht haue, withoute oony reteynyng to me or to myne heyres: to be had and to be holde, 32
to þe saide church ande chanonā, of me and myne heyres, In-to pure and perpetuell almes, al so moch as *perteyneth* to me and to myne heyres, ȝeldyng perof for me and my heyres to Sir Hugh of Tywe vj. d. ȝerely, and Dewe *seruices* to the chefe lordes 36
of the ffee. And I, Nycoff, and myne heyres, the foresaide

¹ MS. has 'londes' by a slip.

plowe of londe, with all his pertinenes, to the saide church and chanonē, agaynste all cristen men and Juys, by the foresaide service, schall warantize, aquite, And Defende. And if we mowe
 4 not, we schall zeve agayne to þem CC. marke and xxv. the which for the foresaide londe to me before-handes paye paid; with-inne A moneth In the which þay been i-axid, vndur payne of xx. li. to be payde to þe Kyng. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[Warranty against Jews.]
 Purchase-money, £150.
 [Penalty of £20 to the king.]

8 [207.] Know þate Beēn present And to come þat I, Adam, Soone And heyre of Nycoff * of Weston, grauntid and quite-claymyd, and with this present charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to frere
 12 William, Abbot, and to þe chanonē þere seruyng god, þe zifte that Nycoff my ffadur to þem yafe in the towne and felde of Edburbury, of j. dwellyng with the pertinenes, and j. plowe of londe, with medis, seruices of ffree men, and his customarys, in the
 16 same towne: to be holde and to be had, to þe foresaide church and chanonē, In-to pure and perpetuel almes, al so moche as longeth to me and to myne heyres, as þe charter þe which þe saide Abbot and Couent of þe saide Nycoff my ffadur hauē
 20 fully witnessith, doying þerof to þe Chefe lordes of þe ffee dewe service & i-wonyd. And for this graunte, quite-clayme, and confirmacion, þe foresaide Abbot And Couent yafe to me xl. marke of sterlynges. And that this my graunte, &c^o.

About 1275.
 * leaf 45, back.
 Sale to Oseney, by Adam son of Nicholas of Weston, of his interest in no. 206.

Purchase-money, £26 13s. 4d.

24 [208.] THIS is the ffinall corde i-maade bitwene vs and the same Adam of the same londe, In owre lorde the Kynges Courte, At Westmynyster, In the morowe of passencion of owre lorde, In the 3ere of the Rayne of Kyng Edwarde þe soone of Kyng
 28 Henry the iiiijth¹, Afore Master Roger off Seyton, Master Richard Stanes, John of Cobeham, Master Raph off ffrenyngham, Thomas Welonde, And John louetofte, Justices, and other true men of the Kynges thenne there present, bitwene Adam of Weston,
 32 axer, & William, Abbot of Oseney, holder, of j. mese, Cxij. acris [of land], x. acris of mede, xvij. s. of Rente, with the pertinenes, In Adburbury, Whereof it was i-pletid bitwene þeme in the same Courte, þat is to Say, that þe foresaide Adam knowleggid
 36 the foresaide tenement, with the pertinenes, to Be the ry3ght

1276, May 15.
 Formal confirmation to Oseney, by Adam son of Nicholas, of his grant (no. 207),

viz. a messuage, 112 acres arable, 10 acres meadow, and 18s. of quit-rents.

¹ i. e. Henry III, see note 5, p. 36.

Purchase-
money as
in 207.

of þe saide Abbot and of his Church of Oseney, and that he relese and quite-claymed [it] of hym and of his heyres, to þe foresaide Abbot, and to his successours, and to his church for Euer. And for this reconizaunce, Release, quite-clayme, fyne, 4 and Acorde, þe same Abbot yafe to þe foresaide Adam xl. marke of Siluer.

1288.

Suit against
Oseney, by
the king (re-
presented
by William
of Gisling-
ham), to
recover a
hide in
Adderbury;
and call by
Oseney on
the co-heir-
esses of
Hugh of
Tew to ful-
fil said
Hugh's
warranty
of no. 205,

[209.] Our lorde þe Kyng, by William of Gysilyngham, the which pursuyth for pat¹, (he²) axith agaynste þabbot of 8 Oseney j. plowe of londe, with the pertinences, In Adburbury as his ryȝht, &c³, þe which þe foresaide Abbot to our lorde Kyng defortid⁴, &c⁵.

And Anoper tyme þabbot i-callid þere-of to ware⁶ Richard 12 of lyonns And Emme his wife, Raph the Soone of Ranulph of Astrop and William⁷ his wife, and Hugh of Hynton and molde his wife, the which now come by summornenyng⁸ and axe to be schewed to þem by what thyng þey bee holde to 16 ware⁷.

And þabbot sayeth pat þe foresaide tenauntries were of Hugh Tywe (whoos heyres þe foresaide Emme, William and molde Been), þe which þe foresaide tenementes 3afe to Nycoff of Wes- 20 toñ, to be had and to be holde to hym and to his heyres, and Byndeth hym-selfe and his heyres to⁹ ware, to þe same Nycoff and to his heyres and to his assynes, þe foresaide tene*mentes; And he sayeth that he is þe Assyne of þe foresaide, and as asyne 24 is i-callid⁹ þere-of to the ware aforesaide Emme, William And molde, Also with here husebandes, heyres of þe foresaide Hugh, And bryng[eth] a charter of the foresaide Hugh, the¹⁰ witnessith that the same Hugh yafe to þe foresaide Nicoff the 28 foresaide londe And Byndith hym-selfe and his heyres to ware to þe foresaide Nicoff and to his heyres and to his assynes, ꝛ. He Bryngeth also Anoper charter vndur the name of þe foresaide Nicoff, the¹⁰ witnyssith that the Same Nicoff yafe to þe Same 32

* leaf 40.

as in 205,

and in 206.

¹ A mistranslation: read 'for him,'
'pro eo' = for the king.

² Omit 'he.'

³ By a slip for 'deforcid.'

⁴ 'ad warantiam.'

⁵ 'Willelmam.'

⁶ = summoning.

⁷ 'warantizare.'

⁸ 'ad warantizandum.'

⁹ Passive substituted wrongly for the active: 'and as assign he calls to the warranty thereof...'

¹⁰ 'the which,' or article used as relative.

Cp. p. 167, n. 1; p. 170, n. 2.

Abbot and to his successours the foresaide londe, and Byndeth hym-selfe and his heyres and assynes to ware, *℞*.

And *Richard* and *Emme* sayen that the foresaide *Hugh* of Tywe In a tyme ffeffed them of the foresaide tenement, the¹ where pere-of (pe²) Insesonyd by that ffeffing by longe tyme, till pe foresaide *Hugh* of Tywe pem after³ pere dissesonyng; wherefore perof⁴ he axith dissesonyd that they haue accion to the tenement aforesaide to be axid by the dissesonyng to pem i-made, as it is i-saide afore, if pey be holde ware to pe foresaide Abbot pe foresaide tenement.

Richard of Lions asserted that he and his wife held the hide in question, by grant of *Hugh of Tew*, who unjustly took it from them; and therefore they claimed it. *Oseney* case re-stated.

Ande, fore pe saide *Richard* [and the others] may not vnsay
12 but pat pe saide *Hugh* of Tywe yafe to pe foresaide *Nicoll* and to his heyres the foresaide tenement, and Bownde hym-selfe and his heyres of pe foresaide *Hugh* of Tywe to ware to pe foresaide *Nicoll* his heyres And his assynes, *℞*; hit⁵ may not
16 be pat the foresaide Abbot be passyne of pe foresaide *Nicoll*; noþer but that saide *Richard* and oþer also, with here wyffes, been pe heyres of the foresaide *Hugh* of Tywe, and pay saye none oþer thyng why they ofte not to be to ware, hit is to
20 be truste⁶ that pay [shall] warantize, and been in mercy for afore pey warantized not, *℞*.

And the foresaide *Richard* and other defende pere ryght and sesynng⁷ of owr lorde *Kynges* blode, *℞* as of flee and ryght, *℞*.
24 and putteth hym-selfe in⁸ lawe of pe Cuntre In the stede of A grete assise of owr lorde pe *Kyng*, And axith reconysaunce to be made where thay haue more ryght by warancie In the foresaide londe, or pe *Kyng*. perfore it is to be say quod pe
28 schreve make make to come pem afore owr lorde *Kyng*, fro the Daie of Estu^r In-to xij.⁹ moneth, *℞*. To Recognicion, *℞*.

The case was sent for trial.

[210.] OXFORD. *Richard* of lions, by his attorney, 1289.
axith pat¹⁰ thabbot of *Oseney* j. mese, j. plowlonde, & x. s. of At the Oxford assises,

¹ 'the,' apparently for 'who': 'qui fuerunt inde in seisinā.' Cp. p. 166, n. 10.

² Omit 'pe.'

³ Read 'after[wards] there[of] disseised': 'postea inde disseisionauit.'

⁴ Read 'he asks, having been thereof disseised.'

⁵ Read (still governed by 'unsay') 'nor that the foresaid abbot is not the assign': 'nec quin predictus abbas sit assignatus.'

⁶ 'Consideratum est.'

⁷ 'seysinam domini Regis consanguinei.'

⁸ 'in iure patrie': i. e. to be tried in the county, and not at Westminster.

⁹ Read 'i.' The number of the jury has been prefixed to the date of summons. Latin: 'in unum mensem xii. [probos viros etc.] ad recognicionem etc.'

¹⁰ Read 'against': 'versus.'

in the suit against Oseney by Richard of Lions to recover a messuage, a hide, and rent-charges, Oseney's guarantors (co-heiresses of Hugh of Tew) stated * leaf 46, back. that Hugh of Tew, giving his daughter Emma in marriage to Richard son of Roger of Lions, settled on her and him said hide to be held by rent of £7 6s. 8d. till he made other provision for them, but that Hugh got back from them said hide on settling lands in Swerford on them;

but Richard of Lions denied that he had land in Swerford in exchange for the Adderbury holding.

Rente, with the pertinences, In Edburbury, in the which þe same Abbot hath noone Entre but after þe dissesonyng the which Roger of lyuns þereof vnryȝhtfully And withoute Juggement maade to þe Same Richard after the ffyrst, ȝ. And 4 þabbot come and' else i-callid þerof to ware the foresaide Richard of lyouns And Emme his wiffe, Raph the Soone of Ranulph of Astrop Ande William his wiffe, Hugh of Hyngton And moolde his wiffe, the which nowe come By summonyng And to hym 8 ware and Defende his ryȝht quando, ȝ.

And' saye that In a tyme Appelyng afore¹ whas i-maade [between] oon Hugh of Tywe (fadur * of the foresaide Emme, William, and Moolde) and' oon Roger of liouns (ffadur of þe² 12 ffosaide Richard) [when] þat the Same Richard weddid the foresaide Emme, so that the Same Hugh [gave] to þem (Richard and' Emme) þe foresaide tenementes, as mariage of the Same Emme, to be holde In tenauntie By the seruice of xj. marke by 16 yere, till þe Same Hugh had' i-made to hym In Eschaunge for the foresaide tenementes to þe valour of An C. silynworth of londe in A certeyne place; þe³ which Sothely Hugh assined' to theme A C. schelyngworth of londe In Swere- 20 forde, of the which thay been In sesenyng: by the which þe foresaide tenementes, nowe i-axid', to the foresaide Hugh were i-returnd', whereof Defawtith⁴ þe foresaide Richard is in sesenyng of the foresaide C. ȝ. of londe in Swereforde 24 for⁴ the foresaide tenementes In Edburbury. Axid'⁵ Juggement.

And Richard Saieth that hee Allone whas i-ffeffid of the foresayde tenementes In Edburbury by the foresaide Hugh 28 of Tywe while hee whas withinne Age, and', withoute oony condicion, and' withinne age, dissesined' by the foresaide Roger; and saith that he noone londe holdeth In Swereforde In Eschaunge for þe foresaide tenementes In Edburbury, And' of 32 that he putteth hym-self vpon the Cuntre; And þe foresaide Richard and' other also.

þefore hit whas i-commaundid' to the schreve þat he schulde

¹ 'dicunt quod aliquo tempore quaedam prelocutio facta fuit.'

² 'qui quidem Hugo.'

³ This word seems to be a guess at a contraction in the Latin, possibly 'de

facto,' = as a matter of fact.

⁴ In exchange for: 'pro.'

⁵ The party that had urged the above argument.

make come here, fro the daye of Estur bithyñ¹ xv. daies
 xij.², &c³. *per quos*, bi the which, ð. And the which, ð., to the
 Recognicion, ð., *quia tam*, ð. Aftirwarde fro the Daye of Estur In-
 4 to iij. wokes of ouȝ reine nowe þe xvij. come parties And the
 foresaide Raph and William, Hugh & Moolde, Saieñ that þe
 foresaide Richard none ryȝht clayme maye In the foresayde
 8 tenementes for he³ Saieth that he hym-selfe releseð and quite-
 claymed; of hym-selfe and his heyres aforesaide, to Raph and
 Willyam, Hugh and moolde, aft the ryȝht & clayme [that
 he had] in þe foresaide tenementes for Euer, by A writyng
 of A quite-clayme that þay schowen in⁴ that witnysseth, And
 12 the foresaide Richard maye not þat vnsaye, but⁵ that hee
 grauntith. þerfor þe Saide Raph and oþer þerof withoute daye.
 And Richard for false clayme In mercy.

The sheriff
 ordered
 inquisition
 by a jury
 of 12.

At last a
 quit-claim
 made by
 Richard of
 Lions him-
 self to the
 co-heiresses
 was pro-
 duced, and
 he lost his
 case and
 was fined.

[211.] PLEIS at Westmynster, afore Thomas of Weylonde⁶
 16 and his ffelaws Justices of owȝ lorde Kyng of the Banke,
 fro þe terme of Seynte Myȝheñ, In the ȝere of the Reyne
 of Kyng Edward the Soone of Kyng Henry xv, Weylonde
 begynnynge xvj. Weylond⁷ Michael⁷ xv.

Reference
 to the re-
 cords of the
 Court of
 Common
 Pleas, for
 no. 210.

[XXXIIII⁷.] HOKENORTON.

20 [212.] PABBOT of Oseney hathe In Hokenorton, of the yifte
 of Robert Doylly, and confirmacion of Henry Doylly, and of
 Kynges of Inglonde, and of Bisshops, And of the Chapter
 of lincoln, and confirmacion of Pope Eugenie the iij., þe church
 24 * of Hokenorton, and j. hide of londe, with the pertinences,
 of the Dowre of þe Church, as it is open Abofe In the title
 of 'þe ffundacion of þe Church.'

Reference
 to nos. 12,
 16, 13, 14,
 19, 18.

* leaf 47.

[213.] BE hit i-knowe to true meñ of Holy church, bothe
 28 present and to be, þat I, Robert dolly, willyng and consentyng

Reference
 to

¹ By a slip for 'within.'

² i. e. 'probos homines.'

³ Read 'they say': 'qui dicunt.'

⁴ The meaning is plain, but the grammar
 even in the Latin is confused.

⁵ 'immo illud concedit.'

⁶ Thomas of Weyland, Justice of Com-
 mon Pleas 1274, Chief Justice 1278-88.

⁷ Titulus XXXIIII is either missing, or
 that figure has been dropped out in the
 numeration.

no. 12.

Edithe my wiffe and my Soones Henry and Gilberte, yefe and Graunte, In-to perpetueſt Almes, to þe Church of god and of Seynte marie his modur and to þe chanonſ In hit Seruyng god, *ȝ*, as aboſe, In the title of ‘þe ffundacion of Oseneye,’ In the 4 ffirſt and principaſt charter.

About
1150.
Confirmation
to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly I,

in Hook-
norton, of
Prest field,
and two
hides
granted
by Robert
Doyly II (as
in no. 24).

[214.] BE hit i-know to true meñ of holy church that I, Henry Doylly, willyng and grauntynge fi . . .¹ my Broþer and oper ffrendes and my meñ, yefe and graunte, In-to ffree and 8 perpetueſt almes, to þe Church of Seynte marie of Oseney, for þe Sowle of Kyng Henry, and for þe Sowle of my ffadur Robert Doylly þe² þat ſame church foundid, ande for þe Sowle of Gillebert my Broþer, and for þe Sowles of oper myne aunceturs, 12 & for þe sowle³ of my lorde Henry and myne And all my ffrendes, x. li. (pownde⁴) worth of londe, that is to ſaye, In Hokenorton my maner, the londe þe which Is i-callid preste felde (þe which ſumtyme to þe church of þe Same towne longed)⁵ 16 after⁶ þat hit ſchall be preued to Availe By the oþe of meñ, And ij. hides of londe In the Same maner, þe which þe foresaide church ſumtyme had of þe Graunte of my ffadur, after his value⁶; And if oony þynge lacke⁷ to be performed⁷ x. pownde 20 worthe, I ſchall performe hit, or in the nowe Saide towne or in myne oper londes, after that we maye Beſte purueye, *ȝ*.

About
1160.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly I,

of a half-
hide, with
messuage,
meadow,

[215.] BE hit i-knowe to all Cristen meñ that I, Henry Doylly, owre lorde þe Kynges constable, yafe and grauntid, and 24 with my present charter confermyd I haue, to god And to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonſ þere seruyng god, In-to ffree pure and perpetueſt Almes, for þe Sowle of my modur and of myne aunceturs, j. dñ.-hide of londe in 28 Hokenorton, þat, þat is to ſay, the which thomas la burne helde, with mesis, and all oper þynges to þe foresaide londe

¹ The erasure suggests that something was felt to be wrong. The Latin is ‘concedente Roberto filio regis, fratre meo.’ Edith, daughter of Forn, bore to Henry I a son, Robertus filius regis, who was half-brother to Henry Doyly, married a Devonshire heiress, and died about 1170.

² Either ‘the [which],’ or article for relative: ‘qui eandem ecclesiam fundavit.’

³ Read ‘welfare’; ‘pro salute.’

⁴ Omit ‘pownde,’ as already given in the contraction ‘li.’

⁵ i. e. at its estimated value: ‘secundum quod probabitur valere per iuramentum proborum hominum.’

⁶ ‘secundum valentiam suam.’

⁷ ‘siquid defuerit ad perficiendas decem libratas, ego perficiam.’

perteynyng, both In medes and pastures, In weies and patthis, and in all oþer thynges, with þe Same thomas and his modur & his Suster, with all þere goodes; ffurþermore, A mese with
 4 A Crofte that Richard Hirelonde¹ helde, And A mese with þe Gardeyne that Roger Weuer helde, And A mese with þe Garden that Guynylde widow helde, And also þ^e londe vnto þ^e church yerde. Þese londes I wille and Surely charge þat þ^e forsaide
 8 church and Chanon^s of Oseney haue and holde, weile and in pece, fully and worschipfully, with all fredom^s and fre customs þat I, or oony of myne aunceturs, In thoo londes have i-had while they were in ow^r hande. These witnyssis.

and other rights, with a bondman-tenant, his mother, and sister, 3 messuages (each with a garden), and a piece of land.

- 12 [216.] BE it i-know to all true meñ of holy church that I, Henry Doylly, þe Soone * of Henry Doylly, with þe consent and assent of Robert my Broþer and with þe counsell of my ffre meñ, grauntid, & with this present charter confermyd,
 16 to the Church of god and of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all þoo yiftes the which meñ of my ffee to the Same church made, as þe charters of þe Same witnyssen, þat is to saye, of þe yifte of Hugh of Tywe þe londe
 20 of bothe stanehale, with all þynges to þe Same londe perteynyng, of þe which Robert my Beelesire and Henry my ffadur quite-claymed to þ^e foresaide church all þe Seruice þat to þem and to þere heyres þere-of whas dewe; In Cleydon, of the yifte of
 24 philipp of Hampton, dñ. and hide whereof my ffadur all þe Seruice that to hym and to his heyres whas dewe quite-claymed to þem; In the same towne, of þe yifte of leonarde of Whitefelde, j. yerde of londe þe which Gilbert corbeller² helde, with
 28 þat man and all his childroñ, and xij. acris in spetesham, and vj. acris at þ^e woode at Harestaine, and vj. acris at Wytereden; In Hokenorton, of the yifte of Sibille the wiffe of Robert ffigt Gye & of Raph botereffe and of Juliañ his wiffe, xx. acris
 32 þe which been in the crofte³ of prestesfelde by Widedumbe; and v. mansuris or dwellynges withinne Hokenorton, j. agaynste þe howse of Adam clerke, Another agaynste þ^e howse of Elfwyne Reve, þe þirde agaynste þe howse of þe Same Elfwyne of þe
 36 oþer parte of the weye with the Crofte and Garden þe which

About 1184.
 * leaf 47, back.

Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly II, as feudal superior,

(a) of both Stonehales, given by Hugh of Tew;

(b) in Claydon, Philip of Hampton's gift (as in no. 24), and Leonard of Whitfield's gift of a yard-land with its serf-tenant and 24 acres, (c) in Hooknorton, of no. 217,

¹ 'Hiberniensis.'

² 'corbeiller.'

³ Read 'end'; 'in fine.'

William Calcebote helde, þe fowrthe By the howse of Elfwyne
 Sputi, þe fife bitwene the howse of Edward palmer and swyne
 and of 219, þe soone of Beatrige; The sixte, of þe yifte of William of
 Heteuille¹ & of Johan his wife, the which William of Hampton⁴
 helde, with that man [and all his], and a² halle (þe which is
 i-set bitwene the dwellyng of William Derby & the dwellyng of
 William Burgeys) and a³ his parte In the mede of Smededeft,
 and þoo twoo acris (of³) þe which þe Inglise In Hokenortoⁿ in 8
 Almys helde, and j. acre of the me[de] of Heme mede; of the
 yifte of William ffijt Helie and of Emme his wiffe þe church of
 Pyrye & the ryght of Aduocacion of the same, And halfe aⁿ
 and 218; hide of londe In ledehale, with ij. mansions þe which been¹²
 [The Inglise of Hook- bitwene the dwellyng of Gilbert and the dwellyng of Sawakar,
 norton.] with the crofte to þe same dwellyng perteynyng, & with the
 (d) in Perry, of the rec- mede to the halfe-hide perteynyng; In Westoⁿ, of the yifte of
 tory with tory with William ffijt Moolde, ij. acris and a³ the mede that is in the 16
 the adw- son, and a hedis of them At Bakesmulne, and the pride acre þe which is in
 son, and a half-hide, the hede of the mede þe which is i-callid Aldefelde, to be holde
 with man- held by quit- rent of 1 lb. of pepper;
 sions, croft, (e) in
 meadow; Weston-on-
 (f) in the-Green, 3 acres and
 a meadow, held by quit-
 rent of 1 lb. of pepper;
 (f) in Bletching-
 don, 2 yard-
 lands and
 2 acres.
 * leaf 48.

la Graue, ij. acris at Haraldes * Wesse. Of this graunte and
 confirmacion been wisse Robert my Broþer, &c⁵. 24

About
 1160.
 Confirma-
 tion to
 Oseney,
 by Ralph
 Boterell,

of his
 mother-in-
 law Sibill's
 gift of 20
 acres and
 5 houses,

[217.] BE hit i-knowe to all true men of Hooly Church
 that I, Rafe boterell, prayng and wyllyng Juliaⁿ my wyffe and
 Johan her Dowghter, yafe and grauntid, In-to ffree and per-
 petuell almes, to þe Church of god and of Seynte Marie of 28
 Oseney and to the chanoⁿs þere seruyng god, xx^{ti} acris of my
 londe þe which Been in the yende⁶ of prestefelde By Wyde-
 cumbe, the which Sibill þe modur of my wiffe yafe to the Same
 church; and v^u^s dwellynges withinne Hokenortoⁿ, j. agaynste 32
 þe howse of Adam Clerke, Another Agaynste þe howse of
 Elfwyne Reve, the thirde agaynste þe howse of the Same

¹ Hereville.

² The text seems doubtful even in the Latin.

³ Omit 'of.'

⁴ Read 'bonde': alternative rendering of 'vilenage.'

⁵ One is Robert de Witefeld (Sheriff of Oxon. 1182-5).

⁶ 'in fine.'

Elfwyne of þe oper parte of þe wey with the Crofte And
 Gardeyne the which William Calcebote helde, The iiij. By the
 howse of Elfwyne Sputi, The v. bitwene the howse of Edwarde
 4 palmer and Sueyne ffirst Betriche; And A mede the which is by
 the Courte of Oseney of the oper parte of þe water, for the
 which mede they schall paye Euery yere to þe Church of Seynte
 ffrideswithe for me xiiij. d. In the Daye of Seynte John Baptiste
 8 for all seruice. This yifte I made to þeme ffree and quite for all
 seruice, both riall and othere, and all exaccion in there Chapitre
 afore the Couent, and vppon þe Aute, to-gedur with my wiffe,
 I offeryd hit. Þese withnysses, &c^o.

and a
 meadow,

subject to
 13d. quit-
 rent to
 St. Frides-
 wyde's
 priory,
 [Offering on
 the altar.]

[NOTE.—The stem given in this and the deeds which follow is:—

Guy
 |
 Robert m. Sibil (217)
 |
 m. Juliana m. Ralph Boterell
 |
 Joanna m. William of Hereville (216, 218, 219)
 |
 William, flor. 1225 (220).]

12 [218.] BE hit i-knowe to all ffeyghthfull men of holy church
 that I, Willyam of Hereville, willyng and grauntyng Johan my
 wiffe, 3afe, and with my present charter confermed; to god & to
 the church of Seynte marie of Oseneye, In-to ffree and perpetuefl
 16 almes, thoo twoo acris of londe þe which þe Incluse of Hoke-
 norton vnto his dethe helde In almys, that is to say, j. acre
 vppon Otehuflle, And j. in Watbrach; and j. acre of mede
 In Heme Mede, to be holde ffrely And quietly and fro all
 20 Seculer seruice. In-to wisse of the which yifte þe chanons of
 þe Same church yafe to me xx. s. and to my wiffe j. Besaunte,
 þese wisse, &c^o.

About
 1180.
 Sale to
 Oseney,
 by William
 of Hereville
 and wife,
 of 2 acres.
 [The In-
 cluse of
 Hook-
 norton.]
 Purchase-
 money, £1
 to husband;
 2s. to wife.

[219.] BE hit i-knowe to all þe Childroñ of oure holy modur
 24 the Church that I, William of Hereville and Johan my wiffe,
 [3afe], and with this present charter confermyd; In-to ffree and
 perpetuefl almys, to þe church of god and of Seynte Marie
 of oseneye and to þe chanon þere seruyng god, j. dwellyng
 28 of londe In Hokenorton, that is to Say, þe which Willyam of
 Hampton [helde], with pat mañ and all his, the * which is i-set

About
 1180.
 Grant to
 Oseney,
 by William
 of Hereville
 and wife,
 of land
 with its
 serf-tenant,
 * leaf 48,
 back.

and a share
of common
meadow.

[Oath on
Gospels.]

By the dwellyng of William Kywy And þe dwellyng of John burgeys; and all our parte In the mede of Smededeff þe which longeth to owr ffee. This owre yifte and confermyng, free froo all seruice, both riall and oper, and all exaccion for Euer to be 4
kepid and maynteined, In the Chapter of Oseney, Afore the Couent, vppoñ the texte whee sware, both I and my wiffe. These witnesses.

1225.
Confirma-
tion to
Oseney,
by William
son of
William of
Hereville,
of nos.
217-9,

and grant
of a serf
or serfs.

[220.] KNOWE paye that Be present and to Bee that I, 8
Willyam of Hereville, first William of Hereville and of Johan his wiffe, grauntid, and with this present charter confermed, In- to free pure and perpetueñ almes, to god and to þe Church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanons þere seruyng god, all 12
þe londes & possessions and ffreedom, In feldes, In medes, Mesis, meñ, homages, and seruices, Sutes, and all oper thynges, þe which þey haue of þe yiftes of myne Aunceturs In Hoke- norton & at Oseney, to be had and to Be i-holde for Euer, 16
of me and of my heyres, frely and quietly fro all seruice Both ryall and other and all exaccion and Demaunde, as þe charters of my aunceturs, þat is to Saye, of Raph Botereñ & of Julian his wiffe myne Beeledame, And the charters of William my 20
ffadur and of Johan my modur, the which þe Saide chanonß haueñ, witnessen. I haue i-grauntid also to þe Saide chanonß, for-me and myne heyres, philip Corbyñ; And if oony oper mañ of myne þey haue fro 1 þe daye In the which this charter whas 24
i-made, or afore. I also, William, and myne heyres, the foresaide thynges possessions and ffreedomß and all oper thynges, agaynste all meñ, to the foresaide chanonß schall aquite and schall warantize for Euer. And that this myne yifte and confirmacion, 28
Aquityng and warantizyng ferme And stable for Euer Abide, hit with this present writyng And By the puttyng to of my seale have I strengthid hit. And this charter whas i-made In the nynghthe yere of Kyng Henry þe Soone of Kyng John: 32
Þese witnesse, &c^o.

About
1230.
Agreement
by Oseney,

[221.] BE hit i-knowe to all true meñ that when Bitwene J. 2 Abbot And Couent of Oseney, of the oone parte, And John 3 of Hokenorton, the Relicte [of] Thomas of Burne, and William 36

¹ Read 'on.'

² John de Reding, abbot 1229-35.

³ i. e. Johanna.

the Soone of hym, of the *oper parte*, whas i-stered A controuersie
 In þe Courte of the Saide Abbot vppon *seruices* and *seruages*,
 that is to say, In *erynges*, *cariages*, *Medesutes*¹, *Mowynges*², and
 4 all other *Seruages* to þat dñ. hide of londe the which þe Saide
 Johne of the Saide chanon^s helde In Hokenorton. At þe laste,
 at þe Peticion of Sire Henry Doyley and of Moolde his wiffe, þe
 saide chanon^s relesid³ and quite-claymed⁴ to þe Saide Johne and
 8 to William her Soone (relesid⁵ and quite-claymed⁶ to þe saide
 chanon^s all þe Ryght) and to the heyres of them þe foresaide
Seruices And *seruages* And for this relese & * quite-clayme þe
 saide Johne and Willyam her Soone relesid⁷ [and¹ quit-claimed
 12 to the said canons all the right], for her-selfe and her heyres for
 Euer, that they had or myght haue In oone Crofte the which
 Is i-callid Parroc⁹. they relesid¹⁰ and also quite-claymed¹¹ to
 þe Same chanon^s thre hedis þe which þe Saide chanon^s closid
 16 inne with waffe, *ffurpermere* and¹² *Eschange* þat þey had assyned¹³
 for þoo thre hedis. And *ffurpermere*, for þe foresaide *seruices*
 and *seruages* pay schall paye yerely vj. s. Also, with viij. s.
 þe which they were i-woned¹⁴ to paye for þe foresaide dñ. hide of
 20 londe, at two termes of the yere, that is to say, At þe Anun-
 ciacion of Seynte Marie vij. s. And at þe fest of Seynte Miȝghell
 vij. s., sauynȝ to þe saide chanon^s *homages*, *relefis*, *wardis*,
Eschetes, and *Sutes* of þere courte. And that pese þynges,
 24 þe which [are] aforesaide, Abide for Euer stable, þe parties
 to þis present writynȝ put to þere seeles: Pese witnessis, &c¹⁵.

to relieve a
 half-hide of
 the works
 due by it to
 the manor,

* leaf 49.
 on condi-
 tion of the
 holders
 surrender-
 ing their
 interest in
 a croft, and
 in certain
 pieces of
 land,
 paying an
 addition of
 6s. to their
 rent,

and re-
 maining
 subject to
 other
 manorial
 claims.

[222.] Þis is A perpetuell *Eschange* i-maade At Hoke-
 norton, Bitwene ffrere W.¹⁶ Abbot of Oseney and the Couent
 28 of þe Same place of þe oone partie, And Raph of Swereforde
 clerke of þe other partie; þat is to Say, that þe saide Abbot
 And Couent yafe and grauntid¹⁷ to the foresaide Raph and to his
 heyres A place By the haile of þe same Raph of the Northe
 32 parte þe which bygynneth of¹⁸ þe hie-weye And strechith vnto
 the Ende of his Curtilage and By the hie-weye hit conteyneth

About
 1270.
 Exchange
 between
 Oseney and
 Ralph of
 Swerford,
 Oseney giv-
 ing a piece
 of land next
 Ralph's
 hall,

¹ 'metsuris.'

² 'falcaturis.'

³ The bracketed words are brought in
 here out of place from below.

⁴ Inserted from the Latin.

⁵ Verbatim from the Latin. Possibly it

means that they gave up the three 'heads,'
 and did not ask for the land promised in
 exchange.

⁶ Probably William of Sutton, abbot
 1268-84.

⁷ 'a strata publica.'

and re-
ceiving
2 roods.

xviij. foote In Brede And In the Ende of þe Same place allonly
xiiij. foote ; And the foresaide Raph, In-to þe Eschange of þat
place, yafe and grauntid to þe foresaide Abbot And Couent, In-
to pure and perpetueñ Almes, j. rodde of Arabte londe vppoñ 4
Otehulle at forthsheter, þat is to say, the more weste Rodde,
And anoper rodde of londe the which lieth In the Mershe
In a telthe þe which Is i-callid longefurlonge. And that þis
Eschange be sure and Stable for Euer, the parties to this 8
writyng, In-to the maner of A charter i-made, þere Seales
euerich agaynste otheṛ haue i-put to: Þese witnessis John of
Herevile, &c².

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Roger son
of Philip, of

[223.] KNOWE þoo that Be Nowe and to Bee that I, Roger 12
fiȝt Philip of Hokenortoñ, yafe and grauntid and with this
present charter confermed, for me And myne heyres and myne
assynes for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie
of Oseney & to þe chanonþ þere seruynggod & for Euer to serue, 16
In-to free pure and perpetueñ almes, j. dȝ.-yerde of londe with
þe pertinences, þat is to say :

a half-yard-
land (15½
acres), viz.
in the West
field, 3
acres, 11
half-acres,
3 roods ;

In the Westfelde, j. dȝ.-acre at Mikeñ mere, In Wacbreche,
And j. dȝ.-acre in Medulfurlonge In the mershe, And j. dȝ.-acre 20
agaynste Kyngstrowstrete, And j. Rodde towarde smalestrete,
And j. dȝ.-acre towarde thremthorn, And j. dȝ.-acre In-to Wode-
weye, And j. dȝ.-acre At mylborews [slade¹, and j. dȝ.-acre
at Wowelonde, and j. dȝ.-acre at Braylesweye], And j. Rodde 24
By smalebroke, And j. dȝ.-acre vppoñ Maydenberowe, And
j. dȝ.-acre vppoñ Hokernesse, And j. dȝ.-acre at Sholdreswele²,
And iij. Acris And j. Rodde Abowte Scapufihulle³ :

in East
field,
1 acre,
* leaf 49,
back.
10 half
acres ;

And in the Estfelde, dȝ. an Acre at Northlonge slade, And 28
j. dȝ.-acre agaynste Otehull Dicke, And j. dȝ.-acre At Oldegore,
And j. dȝ.-acre towarde Wlsi*eswele, And j. dȝ.-acre In North-
halfe lambecotestrete, And j. [dȝ.] acre⁴ At þe ffyfe Acris, And
j. dȝ.-acre In Gerardislake, And j.-acre towarde þe Stowre, And 32
j. dȝ.-acre At Threme Welle, And j. dȝ. acre At Whichemestrete,
And j. dȝ.-acre By Gerardislake :

and an acre
of meadow.

And j. dȝ.-acre⁵ of mede In Heme mede :

to Be holde and to be had, to þe Saide churchē and chanoñs, 36

¹ Added from the Latin.

² 'schokereswelle.'

³ 'Stapenhulle.'

⁴ 'half-acre' in the Latin.

⁵ 'an acre,' in the Latin, which is (as
stated in no. 24) the normal amount.

welle and In pece, firely and quietly for Euer. And I, Roger and my heyres and myne assines, to¹ þe Saide halfe yerde of londe with the pertinences to the saide church and Chanon^s 4 agaynste all Juys and meñ schall warantize Aquite and Defende for Euer, as free pure and owr perpetuell almes. And that þis my yifte graunte, &c².

[Warranty against Jews.]

[224.] Know þoo that been nowe And to Be that I, John 8 of Chorleton, yafe, grauntid, And with this presente my charter confermyd, to frere William, Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanon^s pere Seruyng god and for Euer to serue, iiij. shelyngworth of yerely rent with the pertinences In Hokenortoñ, In-to free 12 pure and perpetuell almys, the which thomas frankelyne yerely to me was i-wonyd to paye for j. yerde of londe and A Crofte þat is i-callid Rokeshuff, to Be take of þe Same thomas and his heyres or his assines at two termes of þe yere, that is to say, at 16 þe fest of Seynte Myzgheñ ij. ð. And at þe ffeſte of Seynte Marie in Marche ij. ð. I haue i-grauntid also, to þe foresaide Abbot and chanon^s, all that Euer in the foresaide rente, with his pertinences, I had or myzght have, withoute oony agayne-holdyng 20 to me or myne heyres or myne Assines perteynyng, with wardis, Relakis, Hariettes, And Eschetes, And helpis, and all othe^r thynges to þe same rente perteynyng for Euer. And I, John, And myne heyres or myne assynes, the foresaide iiij. shelyng- 24 worth of rente with all his pertinences aforesaide, to the foresaide Abbot And chanon^s for Euer schall warantize, defende, And Aquite, agaynste all cristen meñ And Juys And women, as free pure And owr perpetuell almes. In-to wisse of the which 28 thyng to this present writyng my seale I haue i-put to. Þese witnesses, &c².

About 1270. Grant to Oseney, by John of Chorleton, of a quit-rent of 4s. as feudal superiority over a yard-land,

with the reversionary rights implied by it.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[225.] KNOWE all meñ that I, Thomas lee frankaleyne, Grauntid, for me and myne heyres or myne assynes for Euer, to 32 paye to William, Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanon^s pere seruyng god, iiij. ð. yerely at þe termes In the charter that they haueñ of John Chorleton of þe foresaide rente i-contente, And þat þe foresaide Abbot And chanon^s may distrayne [me² and

About 1270. Acknowledgement to Oseney, by Thomas le franklin, that he is bound to

¹ Omit 'to.'

² Inserted from the Latin.

pay them
the quit-
rent, as in
no. 224.

my heirs or my assigns by whatever kind of distraint] þorowgh
all the londes and tenementes (holdyng¹) the which I holde In
Hokenortoñ, and all² the foresaide londis and tenementes
holdyng, to paye to the foresaide Abbot and chanon̄ þe foresaide 4
yerely rente at þe termes i-set, if wee fayle (that god forbede).
In-to witnesse, &c³.

About
1270.
* leaf 50.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John of
Chorleton,

of a
quarter-
acre.

[226.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to bee þat I, John
Chorleton, yafe & graun*tid; and with this my present Charter 8
confermed for me and myne heyres & for the helth of my Sowle
and of moolde my wiffe And of Sibille my modur and for þe
Sowle of my ffadur, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, to god and
to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄ þere 12
seruyng god, þe fourth parte of j. acre þe which lieth By the
pasture the which Is i-callid Helecumbe³ and strecchith In-
to another fourth parte of j. acre of þe foresaide chanon̄ of
þe weste parte At Wiggelanam⁴. And I, John, and myne 16
heyres, the foresaide fourth parte of j. acre to þe foresaide
church and chanon̄ agaynst all meñ and womē for Euer
schall warantize. And that this my jeyvng, &c⁵.

About
1280.
Grant to
Oseney, by
John son
of John of
Chorleton,

of an en-
closure
on which
stood a
sheephouse.

[227.] KNOWE þoo that Be nowe and to Bee that I, John, 20
the Soone of⁵ þe heyre of John Cherlton, yafe and Grauntid
and with this my charter confermyd; for me and myne heyres or
myne Assynes, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of
Oseney and to þe chanon̄ þere seruyng god and for Euer to 24
serue, for my helth and of Cristine my wiffe and of my childreñ
And for þe helth of my ffadur & modur and myne Aunceturs, In-
to free pure And perpetueñ Almes, that⁶ place with all the
closyng Inne, In Hokenortoñ, vppoñ the which stode þe shepe- 28
howse of John Sumtyme my Beelesire And of John Sumtyme
my ffadur, the which lieth By the Abbotes londe of Oseneye of
þe Northe parte: to be holde and to Be had, to þe Saide
chanon̄ and to þe Successours, of me and of my heyres or my 32
assines, as ffrely as I John or oony of myne aunceturs hit with
all the closid Inne euer mooste ffrely helde, withoute oony

¹ Omit, out of place: unless it is '[or] holdyng[s],' an alternative rendering.

² 'all . . . holding' = all who hold: 'omnes . . . tenentes' = omnes, qui tenent. . .

³ Holecumbe.

⁴ 'apud Wyggelewam.'

⁵ Read 'and.'

⁶ 'illam placeam cum toto incluso.'

withholdyng. And I, John, and myne heyres or myne Assynes, the Saide place, with alle the close, to þe foresaide church and chanon^s and to þe pere successours, agaynste all meñ, cristen And [Warranty against Jews.]
 4 Juys, schaff warantize, Aquite, and defende, as our pure and Euerlastyng almes. And þat my yifte & graunte and of charter confirmacion, &c².

[228.] To all cristen meñ to the which this present writyng 1232.
 8 schaff come, Thomas¹, Erle of Warwike, the Soone of Henry Confirmation to Oseney, by Thomas, earl of Warwick,
 Erle of Warwike helth. To all your knowlege I wil it to come, for the helth of my Sowle and of the Sowle of my aunceturs, [me] to haue i-grauntid and with this present charter to
 12 haue i-confermyd, for me Ande myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe Chanon^s In hit Seruyng god, all the londes, goodes, and possessions, bothe² of the Church and of the lay fee, yiftes, grauntes, confir*macions, of all grants by * leaf 50, back.
 16 and ffreedomes, to þeñ i-yefe (to³ þeñ) of there Aduocates, that is to Say, of Robert Doylly and of Edithe his wiffe, of Henry Doylly the first, of Henry Doylly þe Secunde, and⁴ of all his his predecessors in the barony of Hooknorton, and by men of their fee,
 20 charters of þeñ (all þe which þe Same chanon^s vppon these thynges hauē) witnessē: to be holde and to Be had, to þe saide chanon^s for Euer, In-to ffree pure and perpetuell almes, welte and In pece, ffirely and quietly, hooly and worschippfully, In
 24 there owne Demaynes, & villenages, In wodys, playnys, medes, ffeydnyges, pasturis, Communes, waters, Milles, poundes⁵, ffyssheweres, stewys, weyis, Patthis, and in all othe^r thynges with all manorial privileges,
 and places, with all liberteis and ffree custom^s, quitaunces, and
 28 with all thynges [pertaining⁶, in town and without town, as in the charters of all the beforesaid more] ffully Beeñ conteyned. And this Grauntynge, I. And⁷ all-soo with all liberteis and with all pertinences, In towne and owte of towne, as In charters

¹ Thomas of Newburgh, succeeded as 6th earl of Warwick in 1229, died 1242, had inherited the barony of Hooknorton from his mother Margery, sister and heiress of Henry Doyly II.

² 'possessiones tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas.'

³ The bracketed words are in error for 'of the gifts'; 'eis collatas de donis advo-

catorum suorum.' Here 'advocati' is used in the technical sense of the 'patrons' (i. e. the Doyly family) of Oseney.

⁴ 'et omnium liberorum hominum tenen- cium de feodo de Oyli.'

⁵ i. e. ponds: '(in) stagnis.'

⁶ Added from the Latin.

⁷ i. e. the copyist now brings in the words he has dropped two lines above.

of all þe foresaide thynges fully Been conteyned. Þese Been
witnesses Godefrey of Graucumbe¹, þenne schrewe of oxon-
forde, ꝛ.

About
1260?
Grant to
Oseney, by
Simon of
Hereville,
of his inter-
est in
a stream,
to supply
their mill-
pond.

[229.] To all cristen men, Symon of Hereville helth In 4
our lorde. Knowe ye all me to haue i-grauntid² and quite
to haue i-claymed, for me and myne heyres, to Sir Richard³
Abbot of Oseney, and to þe chanons þere Seruyng god, all the
ryght and clayme þat I had or myght have In the litull Riuer 8
that is i-callid Karsewelle lake, so that þe Saide chanons the
saide lake vpon þere Demayne maye turne hit to þere Milfe
and quietly maye haue hit, withoute oony agayne-saying of me
or of myne heyres for Euer. In-to witness, &c^o.

12

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,
of an acre
of meadow.

[230.] KNOWE⁴ they that Been now And to Bee that [I],
William le Brune yafe & Grauntid, toke and Deliuereð, and
with my present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for
Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and 16
to þe chanons þere seruing God and for Euer to Serue, j. acre of
mede In the commune mede of Hokenorto In Smechdole: to
be holde and to Be had, to þe saide church and Chanons, welte
and In pece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure and perpetuell 20
almes for Euer. And I William and myne heyres the Saide
acre of mede, to þe ffosaide chanons of Oseney, agaynste all
pepuß (Juys and cristen men), schaff warantize, Aquite, And
Defende for Euer. In-to witness, &c^o.

24

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney, by
William le
Brune,
of a half-
acre.
* leaf 51.

[231.] KNOWE thoo that Be now And to Bee that I, William
le Brune of Hokenorto, yafe and Grauntid and with this
present charter confermyd, for me & for myne heyres for Euer,
to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of oseney and to the 28
Chanons þere Seruyng and for Euer to Serue, j. dñ. Acre of
*Arable londe In the Weste Crofte Att Botted Dich: to Be
holde and to Be had, to þe Saide church and chanons þere
Seruyng god, well and in pece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree 32

¹ Godfrey of Crawcumbe was sheriff of Oxfordshire, 10-16 Henry III, 1226-31: Davenport's *Oxfordshire* (1888), p. 25.

² Marginal note: 'Kersewell lake to cum to their myll which lake is called the

shere Lake & lyeth above Kerseis were.'

³ Probably Richard de Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

⁴ Marginal note: 'Hokenorton.'

and' perpetueſt almes for Euer. And I, William lee Brune, and myne heyres, þe Saide dñ.-acre of londe, to the Saide churchē and chanonſ of Oseneye, agaynste all meñ and women, schall
4 warantize Aquite and Defende ffor Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[232.] KNOWE þoo that Beñ nowe and to Bee þat I, William lee Brune of Hokenorton, yafe Grauntid' and with this present charter confermyd', for me and' myne heyres for Euer, to
8 God and' to the church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and' to þe chanonſ þere Seruyng, a yerely rente of j. d. In the towne of Hokenorton, the which thomas frankaleyne of Hokenorton was i-wonyd' to paye to me In the Daye of Seynt John Baptiste,
12 and what-So-Euer pyngmaye happe of the Same rente, withoute reteynyng' to me and' to myne heyres for Euer: to be holde and' to Be had, to the saide Church and' chanonſ þere Seruyng' god, well and' In peece, ffreely and' quietly, In-to ffree pure and' per-
16 petueſt almys for Euer. And I, William Browne, and' myne heyres, þe foresaide rente with þe pertinences, to the Saide church and' chanonſ, agaynste all meñ, schall warantize Aquite And Defende ffor Euer. In-to witnyssse, &c^o.

About 1270.

Grant to Oseney, by William le Brune,

of a quit-rent of 1d., as feudal superiority over lands (cf. 224), with the reversionary and other rights implied by it.

20 [233.] KNOWE þoo that Bee nowe and' to Bee that I, William lee Brune, yafe Grauntid' and with this present charter confermyd', for me And' myne heyres for Euer, to God' And to þe church of Seynt Marie of Oseneye and' to þe chanonſ þere Seruyng
24 god' and for Euer to Serue, j. dñ.-acre of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenorton agaynste thremthorn By-Side the londe of William Sweyne, And j. Rodde of londe the wich strecchith hit-Selfe In lambecotestrete By the londe of William Sweyne:
28 to be holde and' to be had, well and' In peece, ffreely and' quietly, In-to ffree and' perpetueſt almes for Euer. And I, William, and myne heyres, þe Saide dñ.-acre and j. rodde of londe, to þe fore-
saide church and' chanonſ þere seruyng' god, agaynste all meñ
32 and women, schall warantize Aquite And Defende for Euer. In-to witnesſ, &c^o.

About 1270.

Grant to Oseney, by William le Brune,

of a half-acre,

and a rood.

[234.] KNOWE þoo that Bee present and' to Be that I, William Brune, yafe and Grauntid' toke and Deliuered and with
36 this present charter confermed', for me and' myne heyres for Euer,

About 1270.

Grant to Oseney, by

William le
Brune,

of a half-
acre and
2 butts,

* leaf 51,
back.

subject to
quit-rent
of 1s. 6d.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe
chanons þere Seruyng god and for Euer to Serue, for my helth
and of Anneys my wiffe and of my Aunceturs, In-to free pure
and perpetueſſ almes, j. dj.-Acre of Arable londe, with ij. Buttes, 4
Att Hertelſteet¹ In the ffelde of Hokenorton, ſauyng * A rente
of xvij. d. to² the foresaide chanons at ij. termes In the yere to
Be payd : to Be holde and to be had, to þe Saide church and
chanons, weſſ and in pece, ffrely and quietly for Euer. And I, 8
William, and my heyres, the Saide londe with the pertinences,
to the saide church and chanons, Agaynste all men, Juys and
Cristen, schaff warrantize, Aquite, & Defende for Euer. In-to
witnessse, &c³.

12

About
1230.

Grant to
Oseney, by
Robert
Bernard,
of feudal
superiority
over a free-
hold, repre-
sented by
5s. quit-
rent.

[235.] KNOWE þoo that been nowe and to Bee that I,
Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton, for my helth and with thassente
of ffelice My wyffe and of Geffrey my ffirst Borne Soone, yafe
and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God 16
and to the church of Seynte Marie of Oseneye and to þe chanons
þere seruyng god, all the ryght that I had or myght haue In
j. acre³ of londe, with þe pertinences, at Hokenorton, that is to
Say, þe which that philippe of Hampton helde of me, paying to 20
me yerely v. s., [that is to say], at þe Birth of our lorde ij. s. vj. d.
and at þe Natiuite of Seynte John Baptiste ij. s. vj. d. : to be
had and to Be holde, to þe Same chanons for Euer, with homages
of þe Same philippe, and with all pertinences, ffrely And pesibly, 24
hooly and quietly, fro all Seculer seruice, exaccion, and Demaunde,
ſauyng þe Tenure of þe Same philippe and of his heyres. And
I, the Saide Robert, and myne heyres, the saide yevyng to the
Saide chanons schaff warrantize and Defende for Euer agaynste 28
all men and women. And for this yevyng Grauntynge con-
fermyng and warrantizyng [the⁴ said canons gave me, of the
charity of the house, iij. marks. And that this my gift may]
Abide Sure and Stedefast (also confermyng and warrantizyng), 32
hit, with this present writyng and puttyng too of my Seale,
I have i-strengthid hit : Þese witnessis, &c³.

Purchase-
money, £2.

¹ 'Hertelston.'

² Read probably 'by'; but the Latin is
'predictis Canoniciis' not 'a predictis.'

³ Read 'yardland': *virgata*.

⁴ Added from the Latin.

- [236.] Know thoo þat Bee nowe and to Bee that I, [Robert] Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, for þe helth of my Sowle and of the Sowles of my aunceturs, yafe and grauntid and with this present
 4 charter confermyd, to god and to þe church of Seynt marie of Oseneye and to þe chanonþ *pere* Seruyng god, viij. acris of londe in the feldis of Hokenortoñ, that is to Say, iiij. acris In
 j. felde and iiij. a ris in a-nother ffelde, the which (that is to
 8 Say) viij. acris Dame sibille sumtyme wiffe of Henry Doylly to fferme of me helde; And fforþermore j. acre, that is to Say, dñ. and acre agaynste Suddonam [in] j. felde, and dñ. and acre In
 Wulstanescropte In the otheṛ ffelde: to be holde and to be had,
 12 to the Saide chanonþ for Euer, In-to ffree pure and perpetueß almes, weße and In peece, firely and quietly, fro all Seruise, seculer exaccion, and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres the
 foresaide londe to þe Saide chanonþ for Euer schaffe * warantize,
 16 Defende, And Aquite, agaynste all men And women. In-to witnesse of the which, &c⁹.

About 1230. Grant to Oseney, by Robert Bernard, of 4 acres in one field, and 4 in another, and a half-acre in one field, and a half-acre in another.

* leaf 52.

- [237.] KNOWE yee that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, yafe and Grauntid and with this
 20 present writyng confermed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanonþ *pere* seruyng god, iij. acris of Arable londe and j. dñ. In the ffieldis of Hokenortoñ: þat is to Say, dñ. and acre by-yonde
 24 Northfurlonge slade vppon Otehuße, and j. acre and a dñ. In the crofte of the saide Robert and of John Charleton the which hit-selfe strecchith in-to þe Brynge¹, And j. dñ.-acre the which strecchith hit-selfe In-to the lenght of the Dicke bitwene the
 28 Crofte of the Erle and the Crofte of the Saide Robert of the Sowthe partie, And j. dñ.-Acre In Wadbrech the which strecchith hit-selfe In-to lambecotestrete, and dñ. and acre In the Mershe, that is to say, In medefurlonge² by the mede³ of John Chorle-
 32 toñ; And ij. acris of mede, that is to Say, In merewellfurlonge dñ. and acre, And in Slogfurlonge dñ. and acre, And vppon lode-well Hille dñ. and acre, And [at] thremewell dñ. and acre: to be holde and to be had, with all pertinences, to þe saide church-
 36 and chanonþ, In-to ffree pure and perpetueß almys, weße and In

About 1230. Grant to Oseney, by Robert Bernard, of 3½ acres arable in strips, and 2 acres meadow in strips,

¹ 'in ripam.'

² 'Medfurlunge.'

³ 'iuxta terram.'

peece, frely and quietly fro all Seculer *seruice* and Demaunde for Euer. And I, Robert, & myne heyres, all the foresaide thynges, with the *pertinences*, to þe foresaide church and chanon^s schall warantize and Defende Agaynste all pepull for 4 Euer. In-to witnessis, &c^o.

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
of 2 acres.

[238.] KNOWE thoo þat be nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd; to God and to Seynte marie of 8 Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, for þe sowle of my ffadu^r and of my modu^r and of myne aunceturs, ij. acris of londe In the towne of Hokenorton, that is to saye, In the northfelde, j. acre þe which turneth towarde the waye of 12 Smalebroc; In felde towarde þe Est, dñ.-acre þe which turneth towarde fiffacram¹, and dñ.-acre þe which turneth vppon Karswelle lake: to be holde, In-to pure and perpetuell almys. Þese witnessis, &c^o.

16

About
1230.
Sale to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
* leaf 52,
back.
of a half-
acre and a
piece of
land,
a half-acre,
and a rood.

[239.] KNOWE þey that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton yafe and Grauntid, and with my present charter confermyd, for me and for myne heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Oseney and to þe chanon^s 20 *þere seruyng God, In-to ffree and perpetuell almys, j. dñ.-acre of londe, that is to say, the ffirst dñ.-acre of my crofte In the Este partie, with A litull parte of lond lying to, þe which is i-callid le Schelde; And anoper dñ.-acre Euyñ agaynste 24 ye counte of John chorletoñ, that is to say, þe ffyrst þe which² is i-schordid; and j. Rodde In Wadbrecche, that is to say, In myduffurlonge nexte of the foiewe: to be holde and to be had to þe saide chanons for Euer, well and In peece, ffrely 28 and quietly fro all Seculer *seruice* exaccion and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres þe saide londe with [the *pertinences*] to þe saide chanon^s for Euer schall warantize [and] defende agaynste all pepull, and of all *seruice* seculer & exaccion schall 32 aquite and defende. And for this yifte Graunte and warantyzung þe saide chanon^s relesid to me all þe Dette that³ I wowid of the arrerage of my rente, that is to say, xx. ð.

Purchase-
money, £1.

¹ 'super Siffacram.'

² 'qu[a]e curtatur.'

³ 'quod eis debebam.'

of siluer. And that this yifte Graunte and warantizyng sure and stable for Euer to Abide, to this present writyng hee put to his seale: Pese witnessis, &c^o.

- 4 [240.] KNOWE þoo that þeen nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, for my helth and of myne, with passent of ffelice my wiffe and of Geffrey my ffirste soone, yafe, Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to god
8 and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s þere seruynge god, all the ryȝht that I had or myȝht have In oone mese at Hokenortoñ that Adam Sparowe helde þe which is nexte to my dwellyng, of þe which þe same Adam yeldith to
12 me yerely ij. ʒ., þat is to say, at cristmasse xij. d. and at þe ffest of Seynte John Baptiste xij. d.: to be holde and to be had, to the saide chanon̄s for Euer, of me and myne heyres, with homage and Seruice and the foresaide rente of the foresaide
16 Adam, sauynge þe tenure or holdyng of þe same and his heyres, well and In peece, hooly and quietly fro all seculer seruice demaunde and exaccion, Also with the foresaide homage, seruice, and rente aforesaide, of the saide heyres of Adam. And I ande
20 myne heyres all the foresaide þynges to þe foresaide chanon̄s schall warantize agaynste all pepul̄. And for þis yevyng, Grauntynge, confermyng, and warantizyng, þe saide chanon̄s yafe to me xx. ʒ. of sterlynges of charite of here howse. And
24 that this yevyng, &c^o.

About 1230.

Sale to Oseney, by Robert Bernard, of a quitrent of 2s. out of a messuage, and his other interest in the messuage.

Purchase-money, £1. [Ten years' purchase.]

- [241.] KNOWE þoo that þeen nowe and to Bee that I, Robert Bernarde of Hokenortoñ, for me and myne heyres, yafe Grauntid and with this pre*sent charter confermyd, for my
28 helth and of myne, for Euer to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruynge god, þe Rente of vj. d. In Hokenortoñ, þe which Stephyn Mody was i-wonyd yerely to yelde to me for [iiij.] acris of my lond In the Same
32 towne, that is to say, ij. acris In oone felde, and ij. in A-nother, and what-so-Euer thyng in the same rente I had or myȝht haue, withoute oony withholdyng-agayne to me and to myne heyres: to be hold and to be had, to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer,
36 well and In peece, ffirely and quietly fro all seculer seruice exaccion and Demaunde. And I and myne heyres the saide

About 1230.

Sale to Oseney, * leaf 53. by Robert Bernard,

of a quitrent of 6d. out of 4 acres, and his other interest in these acres.

Purchase-
money, 5s.
[Ten years'
purchase.]

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Bernard,
of a piece
of land.

rente of vj. d. to þe saide chanon̄s for Euer schaff warantize
agaynste all pepul̄, schaff defende and aquite. And for this
yevyng *Grauntyng* and warantizyng þe saide chanon̄s yafe
to me before-handes v. s. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

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[242.] KNOWE þey that been now and to bee þat I Robert
Bernarde of Hokenorton̄ yafe *Grauntid* and with this present
charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god
and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s 8
þere seruyng god, all that parte of the londe the which [is] of
my courte þe which lieth bitwene my chefe howse and the
howse of Adam Sparewe and hit conteyneth þe Space of xxxviij.
fote In brede and xxviij. fote In þe lenght: to be hold and to be 12
had, to þe saide chanon̄s, In-to ffre pure and perpetueſt almys,
well and In pece, ffrely and quietly, to be i-bildid and i-disposid
aſter þat þey seme best to þem to be goode. And I Robert and
myne heyres all the foresaide thynges to þe saide chanon̄s schaff 16
warantize and all seculer service exaccion and Demaunde schaff
Aquite and Defende agaynste all pepul̄ for Euer. And that
this yevyng, &c^o.

About
1232 ?
Sale to
Oseney,
by Jeffrey
son of
Robert
Bernard,
of his
messuage
and all his
lands, with
all his in-
terest in
them.

[243.] KNOWE þoo that ben nowe and to be that I, Geffrey 20
Bernarde, þe Soone of Robert Bernarde of Hokenorton̄, yafe and
Grauntid and with this present charter [confirmed] and quite-
claymed for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to the
church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon̄s in hit seruyng 24
god, all my londe with the pertinences the which to me by heritage
descendit of the same Robert my ffadur, with the mese that
whas of my ffadurs¹, & with all otheṛ pertinences to the same
londe perteynyng. And all the ryght þat I had or myght have 28
in all the foresaide thynges, withoute oony holdyng-agayne
to me or to myne heyres for Euer: to be holde and to be had,
to the saide church and to þe chanon̄s for Euer, well and In
peece, ffrely *and quietly fro all seculer service exaccion and 32
demaunde. And I and my heyres þe saide londe, with the
mese and with all pertinences and his ryghtes, to þe saide
church and chanon̄s schaff warantize for Euer agaynste all meñ
and women. And for this yevyng *Grauntyng* quite-claymyng 36

* leaf 53,
back.

¹ 'patris mei.'

and warantizyng, the saide chanon̄s yafe to me xxx. s., and ij. quarters of corne, þat is to say, dñ. of whete and dñ. of Rye. And that this yevyng, &c^o.

Purchase-money, £1 10s. with a quarter of wheat and one of rye.

- 4 [244.] KNOWE þoo that þen nowe and to Be that I, thomas Kotereñ of Hokenortoñ, yafe and Grauntid and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng
- 8 God and for Euer to serue, In-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almes, j. dñ.-acre of Arable londe In the West ffeelde of Hokenortoñ strecchyng in-to roleheme mere by the londe of philip Aylwarde, And A-nother dñ.-acre of londe at Stapel by the
- 12 londe of Symon Cotereñ, And in the Est ffeelde dñ.-acre of londe strecchyng in-to fforew by the parke of Swereforde bytwene the londe of thomas Sparowe and Symonde Cotereñ: to be holde and to be had, to the saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng
- 16 god, weñ ande In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure and perpetueñ almys for Euer. And I, thomas, and myne heyres, the sade dñ.-acres, with the pertinences, to þe saide church and chanon̄s þer seruyng god, agaynste all meñ and women schall
- 20 warantize aquite and Defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About 1280?
Grant to Oseney, by Thomas Cotterell,

of a half-acre,

a half-acre,

and a half-acre.

- [245.] KNOWE þoo that þen nowe and to bee that I, Symonde Cotereñ of Hokenortoñ, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres
- 24 for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon̄s þere seruyng God and for Euer to serue, In-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almys, j. dñ.-acre of Arable londe In þe West ffeelde of Hokenortoñ strecchyng In-to roleheme
- 28 Mere by the londe of thomas Cotereñ [and¹ another half-acre of land in the East field, between the land of Robert le Lay and Thomas Cotereñ] strecchyng in þe fforewe by the Parke of Swereforde: to be holde and to Be had, to þe saide church and
- 32 chanon̄s þere seruyng God, weñ and in peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to ffree pure ande perpetueñ almes for Euer. And I, Symonde, and myne heyres, the foresaide dñ.-acre of londe, with the pertinences, to þe saide church and chanon̄s þere seruyng

About 1280?
Grant to Oseney, by Simon Cotterell,

of two half-acres.

[Swerford Park.]

¹ Added from the Latin.

God, agaynste all men and women schall warantize Aquite and defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About
1280?
* leaf 54.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Robert
Chapman,
of a half-
acre.

[246.] KNOWE poo that Been nowe and to Bee that I, Robert chapman of Hok[enorton], y^afe and Grauntid; and 4 with this present charter haue confermyd, for me and my heyres for Euer, to God and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng God and for Euer to serue, (ij. rodes¹ of londe In the ffelde of Hokenorton vppoñ 3 Stapulhuſſe by the londe of fflorence of mydylynton): to be holde and to be had, to the saide church and chanon^s þere seruyng god, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure and perpetueſſ almys for Euer. And I and myne heyres 12 þe saide londe to þe saide church and chanon^s agaynste all pepull schall warantize aquite ande defende for Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

About
1280?
Grant to
Oseney,
by Alice of
Whichford,
of 2 roods.

[247.] KNOWE poo that beñ nowe and to Bee that I Ali3 of 16 Whichforde yafe ande Grauntid, with and this present charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to the chanon^s þere seruyng god and þere to Serue for Euer, ij. roddis of londe 20 In the ffelde of Hokenorton vppoñ stapulhuſſe By the londe of fflorence of Midelynton: to Be holde and to be had to the saide church and chanon^s þere seruyng God, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure and perpetueſſ Almes for Euer. 24 And I Ali3 and myne heyres the forsaide roddis of londe to þe foresaide church and chanon^s þere seruyng god agaynste all men And women schall warantize Aquite and Defende. In-to witnesse, &c^o. 28

About
1280?
Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Dymock,
of 1 rood.

[248.] KNOWE poo that Been nowe and to bee that I, Henry Dymmoc of Hokenorton, yafe and Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd; to God and to þe Church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, 32 j. rodde of Arable londe agaynste Rowein Huſſe, Bitwene the

¹ By a singular mistake the translator at this point brings in the substance of no. 247. It runs in the Latin 'one half-acre

of land at the Hologore, next the land of John of Cherlton.'

londe [of John] de la burne and the londe of the lorde Abbot In the ffelde of Hokenorton: to be holde and to be had, to þe saide church and chanonþ þere seruyng god, weñ and In peece, ffrely
 4 And quietly, in-to ffree pure and perpetueñ almes for Euer. And I Henry Dymmoc and myne heyres þe saide rodde afore-i-namyd to þe foresaide church and Chanonþ of Oseney agaynste all meñ and women schall warantize aquite and Defende for
 8 Euer. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[249.] KNOWE þoo that Beeñ nowe and to bee that I, Adam Berca^r ¹ alias scheperde, yafe, Grauntid, and with this present charter confermyd, to God and to þe chanonþ of Seynte
 12 marie of Oseney and to ffirere William ² Abbot and to þe chanonþ there seruyng god and for Euer to serue, iij. dñ.-acris of Arable londe In þe ffeldis of Hokenorton, with all the pertinences, whereof j. dñ.-acre lieth at *Shokeresseweñ, and a-nother
 16 dñ.-Acre In Wadbrech In the Westefelde, And þe iij. dñ.-acre lieth vppon Otehuñ in the Estefelde: to be holde And to be had, to þe saide church Abbot and Couent and to þere successoures, of me and of myne heyres, In-to pure and per-
 20 petueñ almes. And I and my heyres and myne Assynes þe saide dñ.-acres all iij. of londe, with the pertinences, to þe fore-saide church Abbot and chanonþ and to þere successours, agaynste All cristen meñ and Juys schall warantize Aquite
 24 and Defende, as owñ pure and perpetueñ Almes. And that this my yifte, &c^o.

About 1280.

Grant to Oseney, by Adam the shepherd, of 3 half-acres.

* leaf 54, back.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[250.] KNOWE þoo that Beeñ nowe and to bee that I, William Elicronke ³ of Hokenorton, yafe, Grauntid, and with
 28 this my charter confermyd, for me and myne heyres and myne Assynes, to God and to þe church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanonþ þere seruyng god, In-to pure and perpetueñ almes, xij. d. of yerely rente the which I was i-wonyd to take
 32 yerely of John ffizt William Millere for oone mese with A Curtilage and iij. Acres of Arable londe þe which he helde of me In Hokenorton for his homage and Seruise. I yafe also to þe Saide church and chanonþ homage and Seruise of þe saide John

About 1260.

Grant to Oseney, by William Olicronke,

of a quit-rent of 12. out of a freehold messuage and lands, with all the feudal

¹ 'Adam de Hokenortona, bercarius.'

² William of Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

³ or 'Olicronc.'

rights im-
plied by it.

and of his heyres, and what-so-Euer thyng in the foresaide rente, mese, Curtilage, and Arable londe, with the pertinences, I had or myȝht haue, as In homage, Eschetes, Wardys, Relefs, Sutes, Helpis, and in all maner exaccions and Demaundes, 4 withoute any reteynnyng to me or to myne heyres or myne Assynes. [And I William and mine heirs] all the foresaide thynges, to be foresaide church and chanonē, agaynste all cristen meū And Jues schall warantize, aquite, and Defende, 8 as our pure and perpetuell almys. In-to witnesse, &c^o.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1260.

Sale to
Godstow,
by William
Olicrone,
of part of a
curtilage,

[251.] KNOWE þoo that Bee nowe and to Bee that I, William first Roger Olicrone, relesid and quite-claymed, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to Sir Richard¹ Abbot of Oseney 12 and to be chanonē pere Seruyng god and to pere successoures, halfe of my gardeyne or Curtilage, with the pertinences, In the Est parte In Hokenorton;

and of [a
half-yard-
land :—
viz.],
8 acres in
West field,
lying in
14 half-
acres, and
4 roods;

and viij. acres of Arable londe In the Weste ffelde, of the 16 which dñ. acre lieth at flayrewell²; and dñ. acre vppoñ Stapulhuſte; and dñ. acre at Botoddich; j. rodde vppoñ fllexhuſte; dñ. acre in Mershe strecchith hit-selfe in-to the mede; dñ. acre in Middulſfurlonge, in mershe; j. rodde, In longefurlonge; 20 dñ. acre, vndur Hokernesse; dñ. acre, at Shokeiweſte more; dñ. acre, In longe Swynesdich; dñ. acre strecchith hit-selfe (in³) post, id est, after longe smale broke; dñ. acre, aboue Martyns Miſſe; dñ. acre By-yonde Milburges slade; dñ. acre strecchith hit- 24 Selfe post, id est, after longe Wodefordesweye; dñ. acre in Stowre in the weste parte of langedene; dñ. acre in Alueshammes furlonge strecchith hit-Selfe in Smalestrete, [1 rodde⁴ in Smalestrete] in Wadbrech, and j. rodde In Kyngessetrowstrete; 28

and 7½ acres
1 rood in
East field,
* leaf 55.
lying in
14 half-
acres and
3 roods,

and vij. acres and dñ. and j. rodde In the Est ffelde, of þe which dñ. an acre lieth vppoñ the downe In the hye-weye of Icheforde, dñ. acre at thremewell, *dñ. acre In the crofte more weste, j. acre⁵ and j. Rodde In the Same crofte, dñ. acre In 32 Wolstaū crofte, j. rode vppoñ the downe, j. dñ. acre at⁶ the

¹ Probably Richard of Apletre, abbot 1254-68.

² 'Seyrewell.'

³ Omit 'in.' For some reason the translator retains the Latin word 'post.'

⁴ Added from the Cotton MS.

⁵ '1 acre' also in the Latin, but should perhaps be 'j dñ-acre,' since the items are half-an-acre in excess of the total.

⁶ 'ad pontem de Astwelle.'

welle of Aftwelle, dñ. acre at fifborogh¹, dñ. acre at Weste rugge weye, dñ. acre at Otehulle dicke, dñ. acre at Katesbreyne, dñ. acre at ffayrewelle, dñ. acre at Rugge weye by the ffowwe of William
 4 Sweyne, dñ. acre at² Monekenlake, dñ. acre at³ Ruydoñ, and j. rode At Astwellebrugge;

and j. acre of mede Euery yere In the commune mede of the same towne;

and an acre in the common meadow.

8 with all his *pertinences*, in the towne And withoute the towne, withoute oony reteynynge to me or to myne heyres, So (that is to say) that nother I noþer myne heyres in the foresaide halfe curtilage, londe, and mede, with the *pertinences*,
 12 clayme or oony other ryght here-after may clayme, noþer to haue. And for this relese and my quite-clayme þe foresaide Abbot and Couent yafe to me iiij. marke of Siluer, and relesid to me and to myne heyres ij. s. vj. d. of rente þe which for the
 16 saide londe to þe foresaide Abbot and Couent yerely I was i-woned to paye. And that this my relese and quite-clayme, &c⁹.

Purchase-money, £2 13s. 4d., and extinction of the quit-rent by which it was held from Oseney.

[252.] KNOWE þey that been nowe and to Bee that I, John of tywe, yafe and Grauntyd, and with my present charter
 20 confermyd, for me and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseneye and to þe chanonþ *þere* seruyng God, j. dñ.-acre of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenorton, þe which [half] acre strechith In-to Rowenhulles
 24 dicke; and j. rodde, In-to stapulhulle of the Sowthe partie, by the londe of Florence of Midulton; And j. rodde of mede, In-to merewelle ffurlong [and⁴ one rodde of mede, into Swche-wirthbede: to be holde and to be had] to þe Saide church and
 28 chanonþ *þere* seruyng god, welle and In peece, ffrely and quietly, in-to ffree pure and perpetuel almys for Euer. And I John and myne heyres þe foresaide londe to þe foresaide church and chanonþ *þere* seruyng god agaynste all men and women schall
 32 warantize And aquite ande Defende for Euer. In-to witenesse, &c⁹.

About 1260? Grant to Oseney, by John of Tew, of a half-acre and a rood arable,

and a rood of meadow.

[253.] KNOWE þoo that Been nowe and to Bee that I, John of Tywe, yafe And Grauntid, and with this charter confermyd,

About 1260? Grant to

¹ Or 'Fisborogh.'

² 'contra.'

³ 'sub.'

⁴ Added from the Latin.

Oseney,
by John
of Tew,
of 3 roods
arable.

for me and myne heyres ffor Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god & for Euer to serue, iij. roddis of Arable londe In the ffelde of Hokenortoⁿ At Wlsiwell^e By the roddys of Richard Reve¹: 4 to be holde and to be had to þe saide church and chanon^s þere seruyng god, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, In-to free pure ande perpetuell almys for Euer. And I John and myne heyres þe foressaide iij. rodys off londe to þe saide church and⁸ chanon^s þere seruyng God agaynste all men and women schaff warantize aquite and Defende for Euer as pure and perpetuell almys. In-to witesse, &c⁹.

About
1230.
Grant to
Oseney, by
Thomas,
son of
Roger,
* leaf 55,
back.
of a half-
yardland
(but with-
out its
messuage),

[254.] KNOW þoo that Be nowe and to bee pat I, thomas 12
ffirst Roger of Hokenortoⁿ, ffor the helth of my Sowle and of my
aunceturs, quite-claymed relesid and Deliuere^d, and with this
present charter confermyd, ffor me and myne heyres, to God
and to the * church of Seynte Marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s 16
þere seruyng god, In-to free And perpetuell almes, dñ. yerde of
londe, with all his pertinences, oute-take a mese, In Hokenortoⁿ,
þat is to say, dñ. yerde of londe þe which lieth by the londe of
Swetyng, þe which londe afore I helde of them : to be had and²⁰
to be holde for Euer, well and In peece, ffrely and quietly, holy
and worshipfully, In weyes and In pathis, playnys, ffedynges,
ande pastures, and In all oper thynges and places, to þe same
londe perteynyng, And what-so-Euer thyng in the Same londe 24
I had or myght haue, withoute oony reteynyng to me or
to myne heyres, quietly fro all seculer service exaccion and
Demaunde. And the saide chanon^s me and myne heyres quite-
claymed of þe service pat I was i-wonyd to doo to þem for þe 28
same londe, that is to Say, of j. ii. of pepur. In-to witesse, &c⁹.

which
he had
held from
Oseney by
quit-rent of
1 lb. pepper.

About
1240.
Grant to
Oseney,
by James
le blund
of Fawler,
of a messu-
age and
lands,

[255.] KNOWE þoo that been nowe And to Bee pat [I],
Jamys lee blunde ffirst William lee blunde of ffauflore², yafe,
Grauntid, toke, and, with this my charter confermyd, for me 32
and myne heyres for Euer, to god and to þe church of Seynte
marie of Oseney and to þe chanon^s þere seruyng god, all my
londe³ þe which I helde in the towne of Hokenortoⁿ, with

¹ 'Ricardi prepositi.'

² i. e. Fawler.

³ From the Cotton MS. Rev. H. Salter

points out that the amount was 2 yard-lands, and 12 acres.

a mese, and with all his *pertinences* and *freedom*s to þe same
 londe longyng, and all þat I in them had or myȝht haue: to be
 holde and to be had, to þe saide chanon^s, of me and myne
 4 heyres for Euer, in-to ffree and *perpetuell* almys, quietly
 and worshipfully and ffrely, paying þerof yerely to me and
 to myne heyres ij. marke of siluer at iiij. *termys* of the yere
 (þat is to say, at cristinasse, dñ. a marke; at Estur, dñ.-marke;
 8 At mydsomer, dñ.-marke; and at myȝghelmasse, dñ.-marke) for
 all seruice sauynge the Kynges seruice, þat is to say, allonly
 xij. d. when scuage renneth. And I Jamys and myne heyres þe
 saide londe with þe mese agaynste all pepull and of secule^r
 12 seruice and of All Sutes exaccions and Demaundys schall aquite
 and Defende by the foresaide Seruice. And if *perauenture* the
 saide londe with þe *pertinences* to þe saide chanon^s we may not
 warantize whee schall make to þem and Eschaunge to þe value
 16 by the wiwe of lawfull men of ow^r oþer londes where þay may
 seme beste to spede to theme. And [if] ffor defawte of waran-
 tizing aquityng and Defendyng of me or of myne heyres þe saide
 chanon^s harmys or expensis renne ynne, wee schall satisfie
 20 þem, withoute dyfferryng and Difficulte, By the vywe of lawfull
 men. And that þis my yeuyng, &c^o.

to be held
by quit-
rent of
£1 6s. 8d.,

and to be
subject to
is. for
scutage.

[Strong
warranty
clauses.]

[256.] To all cristenⁿ men to þe which þis present writyng
 schall come Jamys lee Blunde of ffauflore helth. To þe know-
 24 lege of all yowe I wille hit come me, for me and for myne heyres,
 at Candelmasse the yere of ou^r lorde M^cCC lvi., [to¹ have
 quit-claimed the canons of Oseney for ever of two marks of
 silver] In the which þey were i-holde to me yerely by cause
 28 of ij. roddis² of londe with a mese þe which þay haue i-holde of
 me In Hokenorton, (þat³ is for to saye, quite to haue i-clamyd to
 þe chanon^s of Oseneye ffor Euer of ij. marke yerely); wherefore
 I wille yff that oony writyng obligatorie, of þoo ij. marke
 32 makyng mencion, in oony tyme maye bee ffounde, þat hit
 be broȝht forth and hit * to be i-had for nowȝht. In-to
 witnesse, &c^o.

125⁴,
Feb. 2.
Surrender
to Oseney,
by James
le Blund,

of the
quit-rent
reserved
in no. 255.

* leaf 56.

[257.] KNOWE þoo that bee nowe and to Bee that I, Henry
 36 Doylly, the lorde Kynges constable, yafe and Grauntid, and

About
1200.
Grant to

¹ Added from the Latin.

² Read 'yardlands': 'racione duarum
virgatarum'; see no. 255.

³ Brought in by the translator when he
found he had made the omission above
noted.

Oseney,
by Henry
Doyly II,
of leave to
shut up
a way.

with this present writyng confermyd, to the worschip of God and of Seynte marie, to pabbot of Oseney and couent or chanon^s of the same place, In Hokenorton^l licence to close a wey that was bitwene my courte and pe courte of pe foresaide chanon^s for 4 the Emendynge of eyber courte; And pe foresaide weye, ffor pe Sowles of my aunceturs, In-to pure and perpetue^{ll} almes, to pe Encresyng of pere courte to pe foresaide chanon^s yafe ande Grauntid. In-to witnesse¹, &c^o. 8

About
1270.
Grant by
Oseney,
to Henry
Dymock
and heirs,
of a messu-
age and
curtilage:
probably in
exchange
for no. 259.

[258.] To all cristen^l men to home this present writyng schaff come, ffrere Willyam² By Goddis mercy Abbot of Oseney and of the same place couent helth. Knowe ye vs to haue i-yeve and grauntid, and with this present writyng to haue 12 i-confermyd, to Henry Dymmoc, and to his heyres, a mese, with A curtilage, that Willyam Kewy helde of vs In Hokenorton^l, that is bitwene pe dwellyng of pe same Henry and pe Dwellyng of Raph clerke: to be holde and to be had, to pe foresaide 16 Henry and to his heyres, of vs and our successoures, frely and quietly fro all seculer^l seruice and Demaunde. And we and our successoures pe saide mese with pe curtilage to pe foresaide Henry and to his heyres agaynste all cristen^l men and Juys 20 schaff warantize aquite and defende for Euer, And pat pis our yevyng, &c^o.

[Warranty
against
Jews.]

About
1270.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Henry
Dymock,
of a messu-
age and
curtilage,
probably in
exchange
for no. 258.

[259.] KNOWE þoo þat been nowe and to Bee that I, Henry Dymmoc, yafe, grauntid, and with this my present charter con- 24 fermyd, to God and to pe church of Seynte marie of Oseney and to William Abbot and to pe chanon^s seruyng god pere, A mese, with A curtilage, and oper pertinences, pe which I helde and had of pe yifte of Roger ffijt Alyne In Hokenorton^l, pat 28 is to say, they been Euyⁿ agaynste pe Shepehouse of the same chanon^s Bitwene the Kynges hye weye and the mese pe which William Kewy helde of William of colunce: to be holde and to be had, to pe foresaide church ande chanon^s, of me and of myne 32 heyres [or] of myne assynes, In-to pure and perpetue^{ll} almys. And I, Henry, and myne heyres or myne assynes, pe saide mese, with pe Curtilage, and oper pertinences, to pe foresaide

¹ William of Hereville is one.

² William Sutton, abbot 1268-84.

church Abbot and Couent, agaynste all cristen men and Juys [Warranty against Jews.]
schaff warantize, aquite, and Defende, as pure and perpetuell
almys. In-to witesse, &c^o.

- 4 [260.] KNOW all men that I, Hugh of plesettis, Knyght, About
Sawe þe charter þat Henry dymmoc made to God And to þe 1270.
church of Seynte marie of Oseneye And to þe cha*nonð þere Confirma-
seruyng God, In-to þese wordys 'Sciant praesentes & futuri,' &c^o. * leaf 56,
8 vt supra. And I, Hugh, þe foresaide yevyng hauyng rate and back.
Goodely¹, hit with my seale printyng to þe foresaide chanons, tion to
In-to pure and perpetuell almys, for me and myne heyres or Oseney,
myne assynes, graunte and conferme. These witnessis, &c^o. by Hugh
as feudal superior,
of no. 259.

[NOTE.—Henry Doyly II, died 1232, was the last male of the family. His sister and heir, Margery, had issue Thomas, earl of Warwick (no. 228), and Margaret, who became heir to her brother. This Margaret became second wife (1247) of Henry III's favourite, John of Plessets, who obtained in 1253 a grant of the barony of Hooknorton, which had been resumed by the crown. In this he was succeeded in 1263 by Hugh, his son by his first wife, who died 1291. For this Hugh's son Hugh, see no. 93.]

[261.] A recorde of þe banke² of þe Juys of london 1285, May.
ffor the londe of William lee Blunde of Hoke-
norton whoos rollyng Inne schaff be ffounde In the
ffeste of the holy trinite In the yere of þe reyne of
Kyng Edward xiiij.

- 12 JOYE³ the which was þe wiffe [of] diey de Burforde, by his⁴ Claim
attorney, made to come thabbot of Oseney, holdyng a parte against
of londys þe which were of William lee Blunde, & axith of hym a Jewess of
ij. marke of cataffe and⁵ wynnynges þerof i-come afore þe London for
16 statute of the Kyng, the which⁶ hee oweth to hym⁷ by þe £1 6s. 8d.,
occasion of the foresaide londes þe which hee holdeth þe which and interest
were of þe foresaide William (and⁸ diey) by a charter of (accrued
1275), being before the
statute of

¹ 'ratam et gratam habens.'

² 'banke' is 'bench,' i. e. the record is of the court of law, in a suit raised by Jews. The indebtedness of the Blund family is shown in a deed quoted by Rev. H. Salter from the Cotton MS., in which James le Blund, making surrender as in no. 256, acknowledges payment of £17 6s. 8d. 'ad urgentissimam necessitatem,' a

phrase which in Godstow book generally implies debt in the Jewry.

³ 'Joya.'

⁴ Read 'her.'

⁵ 'et lucrum inde emersum.'

⁶ scil. 'marcas.'

⁷ to her.

⁸ Omit 'and diey,' brought in out of place.

half of a mortgage over lands of William le Blund now held by Oseney. Oseney maintained that at the time of making of the mortgage the lands belonged to Oseney, and that William le Blund had no power to mortgage them. Inquiry was ordered by the sheriff, but did not take place. Inquiry was again ordered by Robert of Lodeham, to whom the jury returned that Oseney had been feoffed of the lands in question for more than 40 years, and therefore before the mortgage (whose date was 1275, Aug. 27).

iiij. markes vndur þe names of þe foresaide William and diey whereof¹ þe oþer partie in the which of the charter of london as he saith.

The foresaide Abbot By his attorney comyth and Saith that⁴ hit is not his dede and axith day to pengyng² afore, and hath in-to þe viij. daye off seynte mizghell, ð. To³ the which daye, þe fforesaide Abbot by his attorneye cometh and Saieth that he is not i-holde of þe saide dette to answeere, in-asmoche as hee⁸ whas i-ffeffid⁵ of the londys and tenementes the which he holdeth þe which [were] of þe foresaide William or⁴ þe fforesaide William to⁵ the foresaide Juye by his charter in the saide dette bounde hym-selfe: and of that he puttith hym-selfe vppoñ the¹² cuntre. And the fforesaide⁶ Juee by heer attorney also. And hit was i-commaundid⁷ to the schreve þat he schulde make come coram, ð. In the morowe of Seynte martyne xij.⁷, ð. By the which, ð. qui nullam, ð. at þe returne quibus daye and yere to þe¹⁶ which daye þe Inquisicion come not, noþer the schreve returned⁸ not⁸. And hit was i-commaundid⁹, as in the oþer tyme, ffor þe daye of Seynt Hillarie In-to xv. daies; as¹⁰ þe fforesaide Abbot and Jues¹¹, by there attorneys, haue þe same daye, but¹² 20 Robert lodeham interim, ð. withinne¹³ þe which daye, afore the same Robert of lodeham, whas i-take þe Inquisicion of þe londys and tenementes aforesaide, by þe othe of Reynalde Waltham, Nicoñ off Gardyn, and¹ oþer, as it is i-schewed amonge þe²⁴ Inquisicions of the terme off Seynte Hillarie returnyd, þe which sayeñ that þe foresaide Abbot whas i-ffeffyd⁵ of þe londys and tenementes aforesaide xl. yere and more; And ffor-asmuch as it is opyn by the Date of þe charter of iiij. markes In the which²⁸ þe foresaide William to þe saide Jue whas i-holde, of þe which charter actum is 'the twesdaye nexte after þe ffeest of Seynte Bartholomew in the yere of the regni regis Edwarde iij.º.', That þe fforesaide Abbot whas i-ffeffyd⁵ of the londys and tenementes³² abovesaide or⁴ þe saide William lee blunde In the saide dette

¹ Read 'whereof the other part is in the record-office of deeds at London, as it is alleged: 'unde altera pars est in arch[ivis] cir[og]raphorum Lond[inii], ut dicitur.'

² i. e. 'thinking,' 'diem premeditandi.'

³ 'ad quem diem.'

⁴ 'Or' = before: 'antequam.'

⁵ 'dicto Iudeo.'

⁶ 'predicta Iudea.'

⁷ [probos homines] etc.

⁸ Read 'the writ': 'breve.'

⁹ i. e. to the sheriff, i. e. to hold inquiry.

¹⁰ For 'as,' read 'and.'

¹¹ Jewess: 'Iudea.'

¹² unless: 'nisi.'

¹³ 'Infra': i. e. before.

to the *saide Juye bounde hym-selfe, hit is i-consederyd^r that þe foresaide N.¹ of the saide dette is quite And that þe foresaide Juy^s² by cause of þe foresaide londys of þe foresaide Abbot 4 nopyng takith, And the same Jues ffor þe false clayme In mercy.

* leaf 57.
The Jewess
was there-
fore non-
suted and
fined.

[262.] Assise i-take at Henele³ afore John Inge and afore John Treuaignon, Justices of ou^r lorde Kynge, at þe assisis in the Shire of Oxonford to be take assyned þe moneday In the ffest of Seynte Margarete Virgyⁿ In the yere of *regni regis* Edwarde the iiij^{de} fro the conqueste þe sexte.

1332,
July 20.

ASSISE come to knowlege if John of Chelleworth, vica^r of þe church of Hokenortoⁿ; John, lee vicarsmaⁿ of Hokenortoⁿ; 8 William peytour of Hokenortoⁿ; Adam boue^r⁴ of Shiptoⁿ, chapeleyne; and^r molde, þe which was þe wiffe of John Atte bourne of Hokenortoⁿ, vnryghtfully, *¶* disseynet Henry atte bourne of Hokenortoⁿ of his ffree tenement In Hokenortoⁿ 12 postquam, &c⁵. And where-of hit is i-playned^r that þey disseuyd⁵ hym of j. mese, j. yerde of londe, And of iiij. Acres of mede, with the pertinences, &c⁵.

Suit by
Henry atte
Bourne,
against five
residents
in Hook-
norton,
to obtain
possession
of a messu-
age, a yard-
land, and
4 acres of
meadow.

And John of Chelleworth and othe^r come not: And þe ffore- 16 saide John of Chelleworth whas i-tachid By John atehulle and Adam at Gate; And þe foresaide John, vicaresmaⁿ, whas i-tachid By adam atte Gate and John attehull; And þe foresaide William whas attachid By John atehulle and adam at Gate; 20 And þe fforesaide adam whas attachid By adam atte Gate And John Atehulle; And þe fforesaide mawde whas attachid By John attehull and adam at Gate. *¶* perfore þey been in merciment & passise is i-take agaynste þem by defawte.

Defendants,
summoned
to answer,

24 Jurriours sayen vppon þere othe þat þe foresaide John vicars-
maⁿ of Hokenortoⁿ, William, and mawde, vnryghtfully, &c⁵
disseyned þe foresaide Henry of þe foresaide tenement with þe
pertinences, and þat opers In the Brefe i-namyd where not atte
28 þe foresayde disseynynge to be doo. Therefore hit is i-consideryd

did not
appear.
The jury
found a ver-
dict against
three of the
defenders,
and Henry
atte Bourne
obtained the
property

¹ Possibly 'nomen,' a legal formula.
Roger de Coventre was abbot 1284-96. In
the Latin it is 'abbas.'

² 'Iudea.'

³ Henley.

⁴ 'le Bouere.'

⁵ *sic*, for 'disseised.'

and 6s. 8d. damages, but was mulcted for his false claim against two of the defenders.

that þe foresaide Henry schulde reteyne¹ þerof his sesyning By the Sizght of þe recognitourse², and hys harmys (þe which been taxid by the same at dj. marke). And þe foresaide John vicaresman of Hokenortoñ, William, and moolde, In mercement⁴ by³ dissesyning; ð. And also the foresaide Henry In mercement flor þe ffalse clayme ayenst þeñ In the Brefe, ð.

[XXXV. WIGGINTON.]

1283,
May 4.
Suit by
Oseney,

[263.] Actes In the prebendañ church of Buckeden, þe twysday nexte after þe ffest of þe Inuencion of the holy crosse, 8 In the yere of our lorde M^o CC lxxxiiij., afore vs olyuere⁴ By the mercy of God Bissshop of lincoln, by ordinarie auctorite knowyng, in plee þe which was bitwene religiouse meñ Abbot and Couent of Oseneye (the church of Seynte George with-yñ the castell of 12 oxonforde In-to þere owne vses opteynyng), actorres, by ffirere Robert i-callid Maynarde, þere chanoñ, procuratour of the same actors i-ordeyned, comperyng, of þe oone partie, and Master Richard Malyngton, person of *þe church of Wiginton, gilty, 16 personally comperyng, of þe oper partie. I-purposid⁵ (that is to Say) In Juggement agaynste þe saide person By the foresaide procuratour þat when þe saide siris, for cause (of þeñ-selfe⁶) of þe saide church of Seynte George, had be In possession, 20 or⁷ as, by⁸ ryzght, of takyng v. ð. euery yere, In the ffest of Seynte Cuthbert, of þe personys of þe saide church of Wiginton, þe which þere for þe tyme had be, at Oseney to Be payed, In the name of ij. parties of tithe for añ thyng that 24 is i-wonyd to be i-tithid of the Demayne of Wygynton comyng forth, to þe saide church of Seynte George, and longyng⁹ lawfully to þe saide religiouse meñ, and þe Same v. ð. summot-longe¹⁰ þey haue i-take hit and lawfully haue i-had hit In 28

to compel
the rector
of Wiggin-
ton

* leaf 57,
back.

to pay 5s.
yearly on
March 20,

as tithe-
rent-charge
due to
St. George's
church,

¹ 'recuperet.'

² 'Recognitors' was a name for 'the Jury empanelled upon an assise.' (Dr. John Cowell).

³ Read 'for the.'

⁴ Oliver Sutton, bishop 1280-99. This deed is one in which the translator appears at his worst.

⁵ 'Proposito, videlicet.'

⁶ A misrendering; 'sui' has been taken

from its proper noun 'sir' and put into the next clause. Read 'the said his lords, by reason of the said church of St. George.'

⁷ 'vel quasi': i. e. if not in actual, then in practical possession.

⁸ 'iure' goes with 'percipiendi,' 'of taking by right.'

⁹ 'canonice spectantium': should come in, at end of the clause, after 'men.'

¹⁰ 'aliquamdiu.'

possession, or¹ as: nowe þe saide person þe foresaide v. ð. yerely withdrawing, [and] theme (agayne²) for to pay ynne agayne-sayng; and þe Same tithis occupying [and] the myndyd³ 4 religiouse men þat þey myȝht not ij. parties of þe tithes³ aforenotyd lawfully take in lettyng and trowyng⁴, thoo his lordys of þe v. ð. yerely in⁵ the (Such⁶ maner of spoylyng) fornamyd possession, or¹ as, he⁷ agaynste ryȝht hath i-spoilyd; 8 or¹ as, operellys⁸ such maner of spoylynges to be [do] hee commaundyd, or hit i-doo in his name had it rate, in-to his same lordys preiudice grete⁹ and grefe. Wherefore þe saide procuratour axid ffor his fforesaide lordis and hym-selve to 12 be restoryd and to be browȝht to þe state and possession to take¹⁰, In the Saide terme, þe foresaide v. ð. yerely to Oseney, as hit is dew, of þe foresaide persons of þe saide church of Wygnton In to be¹¹, and þe same person of þe church of 16 Wygnton aforesaide to þe foresaide v. ð. yerely, at Oseney (as hit is i-put afore), here-after to be i-payd; sentencially by vs to be condempnyd; and i-condempnyd to be i-compellyd to the paying, and ryȝht¹² to hys lordys and to hym In all 20 thynges and axinges [to¹³ be done]. [The¹⁴ aforesaid parson having heard and fully understood the statement and demand] aforesaide, afore vs Judicially he knowlegyd playne¹⁵ poo¹⁶ thynges i-tolde, as þey were i-tolde, to be true, And perfore 24 þe axinges¹⁷, as þey were i-axid, to ofte to bee doo. Wherefore we, þe same persones confession and oper techynges lawfull¹⁸ folowyng; the foresaide religiouse men, and þere procuratur aforesaide In there name, sentencially restore and reduce to þe 28 state and possession to take þe Saide v. ð. of þe personys of þe saide church of Wygnton, at oseney, In the ffest of Seynte Cutbert yerely hereafter, to be i-payde, And the myndyd person

long paid
but now
withheld.

Verdict in
favour of
Oseney.

¹ 'vel quasi.'

² Omit 'agayne,' 'eosque solvere contradicendo.'

³ 'Wygnton' in margin.

⁴ Read 'trow[bl]ing': 'et perturbando.'

⁵ Read 'of'; Latin: '... solidorum ... de possessione ... spoliavit.' The English is mirk-dark through following the Latin order.

⁶ Omit the bracketed words, brought in in error.

⁷ i. e. the parson.

⁸ Latin 'seu.'

⁹ 'non modicum.'

¹⁰ 'possessionem percipendi.'

¹¹ 'in futurum.'

¹² 'iustitiam.'

¹³ 'exhiberi.' The whole sentence depends on 'axid' above.

¹⁴ Added from the Latin.

¹⁵ openly: 'de plano.'

¹⁶ 'narrata.'

¹⁷ 'petita.'

¹⁸ 'alia documenta legitima.'

of the foresaide church of Wygynton þe which for þe tyme [shall be] to pay In the tyme to come the fforesaide v. s. yerely at Oseneye, as hit Is i-put afore, by Sentence of commaundyng we condempne, of þis ouȝr sentence [the execution], to ouȝr 4 officere and to our Archedecun of oxonforde or to his officiall or to euerich of them, al so ofte as cawse axith, committynge. Þe Date and Acte, þe daye, yere, and place, aforenotyd.

127½,
March 16.
* leaf 58.
Suit by
Oseney,

to compel
the rector
of Wigginton

[264.] Actes in Seynte Petur church In the Est of Oxon-8 forde, þe Saturdaye *nexte affore þe ffeeste of Seynte Cutberthe Bysshop, In the yere of ouȝr lord Mo[CC]lxxj., afore Master Richard Mepham, Archedecun of oxonforde, by Jurisdicción ordinarie knowyng, In plee þe which was bitwixst religiouse 12 men Abbot and Couent of Oseney, actors, by master Geffray Broñ, clerke, þere procuratour lawfully i-sett, comperyng, of þe oone partie, and Siȝr Symonde ffigt Symonde, person of the church of Wygynton, gilty, by John of Sutton his 16 procuratour, sufficient hauyng commaundement, also comperyng, of the oper; that is to say, when that hit was i-knowe to vs 1 þe saide siȝr Symonde at þe same daye and place lawfully and peremptorye to haue be callyd, parties 2 bothe procuratours and 20 also the cople of the certificatorie of ouȝr decre þey opteynyd: and, of the parte of the saide religiouse men whas i-purposid A libelle vndur this forme:

to pay 5s.
tithe-rent-
charge on
March 20,
due to
St. George's
church,
now with-
held,

'Afore yow, lorde Juge, seyñ and purposyn þabbot and 24 couent of Oseney agaynste Symonde ffigt Symonde, person of the church of Wygynton 3, þat, siȝh fro the tyme of þe which is no mynde þey were in possession, or 4 as, in 5 þe name of takyng of ij. parties of the tithis of þe Demayne of Wiginton 28 v. s. euery yere, in the ffeest of Seynte cutberth, at Oseney, of the personys of þe saide church of Wiginton the 6 had bee for þe tyme, And þe same v. s. yerely lawfully had possessid, or 4 as: Nowe þe saide person syȝ Symonde v. s. yerely abovesaide with- 32 drawyng, of 7 þe same v. s. yerely in possession afore-namyd, or 4

¹ i. e. that . . . Simon . . . had been summoned.

² 'partes tam procuratorii quam certificatorii copiam ex decreto nostro obtinuerunt.'

³ Name noted in the margin.

⁴ 'vel quasi.'

⁵ Mis-rendered: read 'of takings (in the

name of two parts . . .) v. s.'

⁶ Read 'the [which]. Otherwise, article for relative: 'qui ibidem pro tempore fuerant.'

⁷ i. e. has spoiled of the possession of the v. s.

as, hath i-spoilyd; and þe same to þem to pay agayne-saithe¹, vnryghtfully: Wherefore þey axe hem-selfe to be i-browȝht ayene and to be restoryd to the state and possession to take þe
 4 saide v. ʒ. yerely, and þe same sir Symonde, person of the church of Wigyntoñ aforesaide, and þe personys of þe church the which been for the tyme, to þe v. ʒ. yerely, at Oseney, yerely In the ffest of Seynte Cutbert, hereafter to be payde
 8 to þem, to be condempned. Þey axe þe arrerages and expenses i-made yn þe stryffe, makynge² a protestacion in them too be doo.³

with
arrears and
damages.

And in³ the same libelle and the procutour⁴ of þe same
 12 symonde obteynyð; And sumwhat a while⁵ a deliberacion (hereafter⁶) i-had; þe same procutour of the entent of þe saide religiouse men knowlegyd in this maner: 'I, John of Sutton, procutour of Symonde ffigt symonde, person of þe church of
 16 Wygyntoñ, in the name of my lorde, of certeyne knowyng; knowlegh poo thynges i-toolde In the libelle of pabbot and couent of Oseney aforenamyd, as þey been i-tolde, to be true, and perfore þe þynges i-axid, as þey been i-axid; to ofte to
 20 be doo.'

Wherefore we, Richard of Mepham, Archedecun of oxonforde, þe⁷ merites of þe plee i-herde and i-vndurstande, vppoñ v. ʒ. yerely in the libell afore-notid i-comprehendyd, i-mouyd bituene
 24 thabbot and couent of Oseney, actors, of þe oone partie, and þe saide Sir Symonde, gilty, of þe oper, and of his procuratour confession and oper þynges þe saide plee towchyng with diligence rehersed, þat pentent of þe saide Abbot and Couent of Osēney
 28 lawfully i-fundyd or groundyd we haue i-founde and preuyd; þe same Abbot and couent, & the saide peyre procuratour in there name, by this owr sentence diffinitife, re*duce and restore to þe state and possession to take þe saide v. ʒ. yerely; and
 32 þe [said] symonde, person of þe church of Wigyntoñ aforesaide, and personys þe which pere for þe tyme shall be, to þe foresaide

Verdict in
favour of
Oseney,
* leaf 58,
back.

¹ 'contradicit.'

² i. e. reserving power to claim additional expenses, if incurred: 'de faciendis protestando.'

³ Mis-rendered: read 'And in the same way, the case, and the letter of procuratorship, of Simon, being produced.'

⁴ 'procuratorio' (abl. absol.).

⁵ 'aliquamdiu.'

⁶ Omit.

⁷ The English needs to be re-arranged to bring together the participles and their nouns: heard and understood the merits—of the plea moved—upon 5 shillings contained—in the forenoted libel.

who with-
drew claim
for arrears
and
damages.

Verdict
accepted by
defendant.

v. ð. yerely, at Oseneye, yerely in the feste of saynte Cutberth
bisshop, hereafter to be payde to þe same religiouse meñ,
we condempne, þat same sir Symonde, and þe saide John his
procuratour, fro¹ the impeticion of foresaide religiouse meñ⁴
procuratorye vppoñ þe arrerages and expenses assoylng. Þe
which ouȝt sentence þe saide John, of² þe saide procuratour
sir Symonde, in the name of his lorde, v. ð., of³ þe plee aboue
expressid, in ouȝt presence, nyȝt⁴ of þe religiouse meñ⁸
procuratour aforesaide, in þere name to be payde, acceptid
hit⁵.

127^f,
March 19.
Letter of
the rector
of Wigginton,
appointing
a procurator
to represent
him in the
suit,
as in
no. 264.

[265.] To the worschipfull mañ and dyscrete Syre, Arche-
decun of Oxonforde, hys deuote clerke, Symonde ffyt Symonde, 12
person of þe church of Wygynton, helth in ouȝt lorde. Þe vice
of collusion i-repreued⁶, napeles of þe Arrerages⁷ fyrst not to be
axyd (yf þere bee oony) fülle surete Is i-maade⁸, In the plee þat
ys bytwene þe lordys Abbot and Couent of Oseney, of þe oone 16
partie, and me, of þe other, vppoñ a yerely rent of v. ð. in the
name of ij. parties of tithys comyng forth of þe demayne of
Wygynton, my beloued John of Sutton, þe brynger of pys
presentes, to knowlege expressely me to haue i-yeve, to þe 20
Abbot and couent, v. ð. yerely, in the name of þe tithis comyng
forth of ij. parties of þe Demayne of Wygynton, my procuratour
[I] ordayne, rate⁹ to haue what-soo-Euer thyng by hym In the
sayde plee, after¹⁰ þat that hath be sayde afore vs, hit¹¹ was 24
i-actyd; for him Also I¹² promitte i-Juggyd to be i-payde,
þe same to þe parte Agaynste¹³ signyfying. I-yeve at Tew,
þe pursday after þe ffest of Seynte gregory pope, In the yere of
ouȝt lorde a[nno] M† CC lxx.

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¹ 'ab impetitione predictorum religiosorum procuratoris.'

² Read 'procuratour of þe saide sir Symonde.'

³ 'ex causa superius expressa.'

⁴ 'cominus dictorum religiosorum procuratore antedicto.'

⁵ Even in the Latin the grammatical structure is impossible, and we have to be contented with the general sense.

⁶ i. e. although the terms of the verdict to be given have been settled by compromise between the parties, the agreement is

an honest, not a collusive, one.

⁷ 'Wygynton' in the margin.

⁸ In Latin is in the ablative absolute = 'With the proviso that arrears are not to be asked, I name my proctor to acknowledge my liability for 5s. yearly.'

⁹ 'ratum habiturus.'

¹⁰ 'secundum quod dictum est coram nobis.'

¹¹ 'hit' takes up 'thyng,' and is superfluous.

¹² 'iudicatum solvi promitto.'

¹³ 'parti advers[a]e.'

[XXXVI.] SWEREFORDE.

[266.] HIT is to be remembryd that Syre Reynolde ffyt
 petur drowe Richard of Appulitre Abbot of Oseney in-to plee,
 axyng of hym and of his meñ of Hokenorton sute to his mylle
 4 of Hokenorton pat ys by swereford. To þe which þe saide Abbot
 Answeryd that noþer he noþer hys meñ oony sute oftyd to pat
 myll. In-somoch that A quiteclayme pay had of pat maner
 of sute afore þe sayde Reynolde whas y-ffeyd of þe sayde
 8 Mylle; and that hee preuyd by A charter þe which made mencion
 of Sibille þe ffyrst wyfe of * Henry Doylly, þe which charter Is
 in the title 'How þe church of saynte George was i-yeve to þe
 chanon of Oseney.' And of pat he put hym-selfe vppon
 12 Assise. Robert Bradenston and raph Dichelle¹ and oþer that
 were in the Assise, makyng knowlege, sayde pat þe sayde Abbot
 and hys meñ been quite of þe sute of þe sayde Mylle.
 Þe[s] pynges weer i-do at Oxonforde In þe laste Jorney of
 16 Gylbert Preston and of hys ffelawes In the yere of þe raynyng
 of Kyng Henry þe soñ of Kyng John.

[267.] AND hit is to be knowe that Reynolde impletyd
 þe sayde Abbot of þe sayde sute by A-noþer brefe In the yere
 20 of þe Reyne of Kyng Henry þe soone of Kyng John xliij. And
 þis recorde begynneth, In the Rolle of þe banke or benche,
 'Philipp basset,' &c². Where þabbot Answeryd pat þe sayde
 reynolde had no mylle in Swereford whereof þe same raynolde
 24 axyd to A better brefe to perquird.

[268.] Þabbot ha[th] þe Aduowrie of þe church of Swereforde,
 with þe chapel of sevewell, of þe yifte of John Gray, Byssshop
 of Norwych, and Graunte of Henry doylly, as hit is opyn
 28 by the charters vndurwrite.

[269.] To all cristen meñ thys present charter to see Henry
 doylly helth. Knowe ye me to haue y-yefe, and to haue
 i-grauntyd; and with thys my charter to haue i-confermyd,
 32 to lorde John Gray, bysshoppe of Norewych, all my woode
 of Cudelyngton þe which is i-callyd Goggeswoode³, withoute
 oony reteynyng, and þe church of Swereforde³, with þe Chapel
 of Sevewell³, with alle þere pertinences, to be assynyd and

About
 1258.
 Suit raised
 against
 Oseney,
 by Regi-
 nald son of
 Peter, lord
 of Swerford
 manor,
 to compel
 Oseney
 tenants at
 * leaf 59.
 Hook-
 norton to
 do suit to
 his mill,
 decided (by
 virtue of
 no. 40) in
 favour of
 Oseney.

1259.
 Another
 suit against
 Oseney, by
 Reginald
 son of
 Peter, to
 same effect
 as in 266:
 see no. 272.

Reference
 to nos. 270,
 271.

About
 1210.
 Grant to
 bishop
 John Grey,
 by Henry
 Doyly II,
 of Cogges-
 wood, and
 of Swerford
 church and

¹ Ditchley.² Name noted in the margin. 'Kogges-

wude' in the Latin.

³ Name noted in the margin.

Senewell chapel, with a view to founding a monastery.

to i-yeve to þe religiouse howse þe which he hath i-wyllyd to founde, In-to ffre pure and perpetuefl almys; And' yf by case¹ þe same noo religiouse howse founde, lete hym assyne hit to whoome he wyfle. And' I and myne heyres shall warantize 4 þem to þe same Bysshop, and to Euery mañ þat he wyfle assyne þem, agaynste all mortall men: Þese witnysses.

About 1217. Conveyance to Oseney, by bishop John Grey's executors, of Coggeswood, &c. (as in no. 269).

* leaf 59, back.

[270.] To all þe soonys of owre hooly modur þe church to þe which þese present letters shall come, *Walter* by the 8 grace of god Archiebischope of yorke, of Ingland' A primate, and master *Ranulph* of wareham, officiall of Norwich, and master R., Archidecun of yippeke², helth in owr lorde. Knowe ye all John Gray, of goode mynde, sometyme bysshope of Norwich, a woode 12 that some tyme was callyd Coggeswode to the towne of Cudlyngton perteynyng and the church of Swereforde with the chapel of Seveweft and there pertinences, *the which the sayde Bysshop of the yifte of Syr Henry Doylly gate, to the church of 16 Saynte marye of Oseneye and to the chanons þere seruyng god, for the helth of his sowle, in his laste wyfle lefte. Nowe we in the testament of the foresaide Bysshop executours have be i-yefe, to the saide chanons the foresaide woode and the saide 20 church with the chapel and pertinences after that the office of owr execucion axith we have assynyd. But, last that the trowth of this thyng by succedyng of tyme myght be callyd in-to dowte, we þe assynyg of the foresaide thynges to the 24 foresaide chanons of vs i-made haue i-turnyd in-to scripture, the which we thowght worthy with the puttyng to of owr sealys to strenghte.

[No. 107 is a duplicate.]

About 1217. Confirmation to Oseney, by Henry Doyly II, as feudal superior, of no. 270.

[271.] To all þe chyldeñ of owr holy modur the church to 28 the which thys present wrytyng shall come Henry Doylly, owr lorde the Kynges constable, helth. Knowe ye all John Gray, sometyme Bysshop of Norewich, the church of Swereforde, with þe chapel of Seveweft, and the pertinences, the which he 32 Gate of owr yifte, as owr charter the which perof he had witnesseth, to the church of Saynte marye of Oseneye, and to the chanons there seruyng god, in his laste wille to haue i-lefte. And' we, þat that of the foresaide Bysshope vppon 36

¹ 'si forte.' ² Perhaps Robert de Tywe, archdeacon of Suffolk (gippeswic = Ipswich)

pe foresayde church with the *pertinencis* whas i-doo haung¹ rate and kyndely or plesyd; the same church, with his *pertinences*, to be had to the foresayde chanon² haue i-Grauntyd 4 and conferme. And that this owre graunte rate And ferme abyde foreuer, hit with this present writyng and owre seale suryng make stronge. The witnessys, ꝑ.

[No. 108 is a duplicate.]

[272.] Hit is to be mynded that, whenne in the yere of 1259, grace A[nno] Mⁱ CClix., in the morne of saynte clement, Nov. 30. at Henrade², bitwene lordys Abbot and Couent of Oseney, Agreement between Oseney, and Reginald son of Peter, of the oone party, and Syr Raynolde ffyzt petur, of the other partye, vppoñ summe despites or probis, harmys, violences, 12 and oper moony wronges, of men of bothe partie to euery partye euerych agaynste other i-doo, bitwene the foresaide parties in forme of pece to be had a lytuft while hit was i-tretyd. At the laste, in forme vndurwrite, all playntys and stryfys, vppoñ 16 the foresayde despites, harmys, violences, and wronges, bitwene the foresaide parties vnto the forenamyd daye i-meuyd; for euer frendely ben i-cesyd or sospite (but the question, in the courte of owre lord Kyng hangyng; vppoñ the sute of his myllys 20 of Sybforde³, the which playnly the foresayde Syr Raynolde exceptid froo the afore writyng) that is to say, that the foresaide Abbot and couent to the foresayde Raynolde, for goode pece, And⁴ as A sure to hym in his of thynges to be doo and as 24 patrone and de*fender haue refute, all there accions vnto the fornaymd day, agaynste hym or peme⁵ i-meuely⁶, playnly haue relesyd to be sayde same, Syr⁷ Raynolde to p^e foresaide Abbot and couent all accions agaynste hem, to⁸ hem acordyng 28 (owttake the playnyng of the foresaide myllys), for fauour of religion and pe instaunce of the prayours of Syr philippe (fforde⁹ bothe more and lasse) Basset, (all¹⁰) remittyng, and

on all points in dispute between them on Nov. 24 (except as to suit of his mills which is to be tried in the king's

* leaf 60. court: see no. 267), Sir Reginald agreeing to allow Oseney to collect its tithes in

ness, as (if he were) their patron and defender.

⁵ i. e. his men.

⁶ Read 'i-meved': 'motas.'

⁷ Ablative absolute: 'domino Reginaldo . . . totaliter remittente.'

⁸ 'sibi competentes' = which were in his power.

⁹ Omit the bracketed words inserted out of place from below.

¹⁰ Omit 'all.'

¹ 'ratum habentes et gratum.'

² Hendred, in Berkshire.

³ Name noted in the margin. So also in the Christ Church MS. In the original deed (Bodl. Oseney Charter 418) it is Swereford

⁴ An excellent instance of verbal translation issuing in utter nonsense: 'et ut securum ad eum de cetero in agendis suis tanquam patronum et defensorem habeant refugium,' i. e. And that they may have safe recourse to him, in future, in their busi-

Swereford,

provided
he is
caused no
expense,
Oseney
granting
Sir Regi-
nald and
his family
commemo-
ration in
the con-
ventual
prayers.

to the same to gader there tithis at Swereford¹ bothe more
and lasse and frely to bere a-waye whider pay willen, napelese in
curteys wyse, withoute harme and greuauce of the saide Syr
Raynolde and of his men leve graunting: of the which cause⁴
the saide Abbot and couent þe same Syr Raynolde and Aliȝ his
wyfe and his free² soonys, in spirituall benefettis (the which
ben i-doo in Oseney), for euer thay haue admitted parteners:
and³ bothe parties ofte in Jugement in the which that was⁸
A dooer to cese, and playnly to procure that the oper partie be
i-kepid harmeles. Wherefore, In-to witnesse of the foresaide,
to this writyng, in-to A maner of A charter twyys partid,
euerych to otheȝ the parties haue i-put there sealys. Þe Date,¹²
in saynte Andrews day, In the yere afore i-namyd:

[XXXVII.] BEREFORDE.

Reference
to no. 21.

[273.] THABBOT hath in Bereforde of the yifte of Doyl-
liuorum and confirmacion of bysshopys and of the chapter
of lincoln, ij. parties of all tithis of the Demayne of Syr¹⁶
Richard of seyton and of Raph Dyue and of Gilbert clerke and
of Symond Smyth⁴ the which holde dȝ. a yerde londe of the
Demayne, and of A crofte of Alizaundur Smyth⁴: and hit is to
be knowe þat thabbot of Oseneye taketh all the tithe holy²⁰
of ix. acris i-chose of all the Demayne of Richard Seyt

About
1260.
Suit by
Oseney,

to compel
the rector
of Barford

to allow
Oseney
3rds of the

[274.] KNOWE all men to the which this present writyng
schall come that where A strife was i-mevyd, by the popys
auctorite, afore the lordys Deene and chaunceler of Sarisbury,²⁴
bitwene pabbot and couent of Oseneye, of the oone partie, and
Hugh person⁵ of Bereforde, of the otheȝ, vppon ij. parties
of smale tithis comyng forth of the Demayne of Syr Roger
Verdund of Bereford⁶, of þe which tithis the saide chanon⁸ 28
by the same Hugh saide them-selfe i-spoilyd, At þe laste,
the stryfe, of the consent of bothe parties, vndur this forme
restid: þat is to say, the saide Hugh, as to the foresaide tithis,

¹ Name noted in the margin. Commencing at the middle of this name, five words have been taken out of place and inserted above.

² 'et liberos suos.'

³ 'Debet autem utraque pars in foro, in

quo fuit actrix, supersedere.'

⁴ 'fabri.'

⁵ 'rectorem,' in the Latin, is always Englished 'parson' in this book.

⁶ Name noted in the margin.

of the saide chanons the ryȝht fully knowlegid-agayne¹, and þoo tithis ffrely and quietly to take to them he grauntid, and hee schaff not let hem but that thaye mowe take the saide tithis, and þese hee byhete² by goode feyth; And the sayde chanon, to the same Hugh, arrerages of the foresaide tithis, and expenses in the stryfe i-made, relesyd: And, of the consente of the parties, [there³ was reserved jurisdiction to the judges to compel the parties] to the kepyng of the saide composicion. And in-to witnesse of this thyng, to this *composicion were i-hanged the synes of the Jugges, also with the parties.

tithe of the demesne-land.
Verdict for Oseney, who did not press for arrears and costs.

* leaf 60, back.

[275.] Know thoo þat ben now and to be that I, Anneys of chayney, in my pure widowhoode, yafe and graunted; and with this my present charter confermed, to god and to the church of saynte marie of Oseneye and to the chanons þere seruyng god, In-to ffree pure and perpetueff almes, for the helth of the sowle of Symonde maydewell (sometyme my husbunde) and for the helth of my sowle and of my ffadur and of my modur and of my aunceturs and of my successours, all that curtilage In bereforde⁴ that is i-callyd Westbecten⁵, to make A howse to the tithis to be layde and to howses to be made the which, to whoome-so-euer they wille, they maye sett or lette, and ij. acrys of londe in the felde of Bereforde, that is to saye; j. acre at the crosse and at the thorne bitwene Bereforde and Neunto⁶ vndur the hyȝh-waye and butteth In-to the hyȝh-waye, and j. acre agaynste⁷ euen of the same acre In A-noper felde [uppon] langdowne; and the tithe of ix. acres of my best corne in bereford, the which my aunceturs to whome-so-euer paye wolde yafe hit, of the which the church of Bereforde receyueth no parte And⁸ that the church of Blokesham j. acre of my demayne euery yere receyueth. I wyll also that the foresayde chanons and there tenautes the foresaide tenement haue and holde and⁹ haue possession (yifte and) for euer, free

About 1225. Confirmation to Oseney, by Agnes of Cheyney, widow of Simon Maidwell, of Simon Maidwell's grants (nos. 276, 277) of a site for a tithe-barn and other houses, with 2 acres of land,

and the tithe of 9 acres.

¹ 'recognovit.'

² 'promisit.'

³ Added from the Latin.

⁴ Name noted in margin.

⁵ 'Westlecton' in Christ Church MS.;

⁶ 'Westlectune' in Cotton MS.

⁷ 'Neutone' in Cotton MS.

⁸ 'ex opposito illius acre.'

⁹ Read 'because that' 'eo quod.'

⁹ 'et possideant in perpetuum': i.e. 'yifte and' is brought in, in error, from below. An explanation of the many errors of this sort is that the translator began on the wrong line, and then went back to the proper place, without erasing his false start.

and quite fro all service. And that this my yifte [and] graunte abyde sure and stabull for euer, pis present wrytyng with the puttyng-to of my seale I haue i-strenghtid hit, &c^o.

About
1220.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Maidwell
and wife,

of site for a
tithe-barn
or cottages.

[276.] Know þoo that þen now and to be pat I, Symonde 4 maydewell, by the counesell and assent of Anneys my wyffe, yafe and grauntyd, and with this my charter confermyd, to god and to the church of Saynte marye of Oseney and to the chanons þere seruyng god, In-to free pure and perpetuell almys, for the 8 helth of my sowle and of Anneys my wyffe and of my heyres and for the sowle of Willyam of chaney and of all myne aunceturs and successours, all that curtilage In Bereforde¹ þat is i-callyd Westbectoñ², [to³ build a house for the storing 12 of their tithes, or to erect houses which they may let to whom-soever they please. I will also that the foresaid canons have, hold, and possess the foresaid tenement, free and quiet of all service. And that this, &c. These witnesses, Richard of 16 Beauchamp, &c.

About
1220.
Grant to
Oseney,
by Simon
Maidwell
and wife,
of tithes of
nine acres.

[277.] Know þoo that þen now and to be pat I, Symonde maydewell, . . . yafe⁴ . . . to . . . Oseney . . . the] tithe⁵ of ix. acris of my best corne In bereforde, the which myne 20 aunceturs yafe to whoome paye wold, of the which the church of Bereforde noo parte receyueth, in al so moche as the church of Blokesham receyueth oone acre euery yere of my demayne.

* Leaf 61. *And þat this my yevyng, &c^o.

24

1311,
May 14.
Agreement
between
Oseney and
the rector
of Barford
St. Michael,
about ap-
portion-
ment of the
tithes.

[278.] KNOWE all men to the which this wrytyng schaff come that when, vppoñ ij. partes of all tithes more and lasse and⁶ all the oolde demaynes of the maner of Saytoñ, that in oolde tyme was i-founde and callyd maydewell, ande in the 28 maner of Dyue, in the towne and felde of bereforde⁷ seynte Myzghell, of what-soo-euer and howsoeuer comyng forth, bitwene the religiouse men Abbot and couent of the monastery of saynte marye of Oseneye of lincoln diocese, actors, of þe 32

¹ Name noted in margin.

² 'Westleicton,' in Latin.

³ Added from the Latin. The translator has run together two separate deeds.

⁴ Terms of introduction as in no. 276.

⁵ The English version resumes after the omission.

⁶ Read 'in' in place of 'and.'

⁷ Name noted in margin.

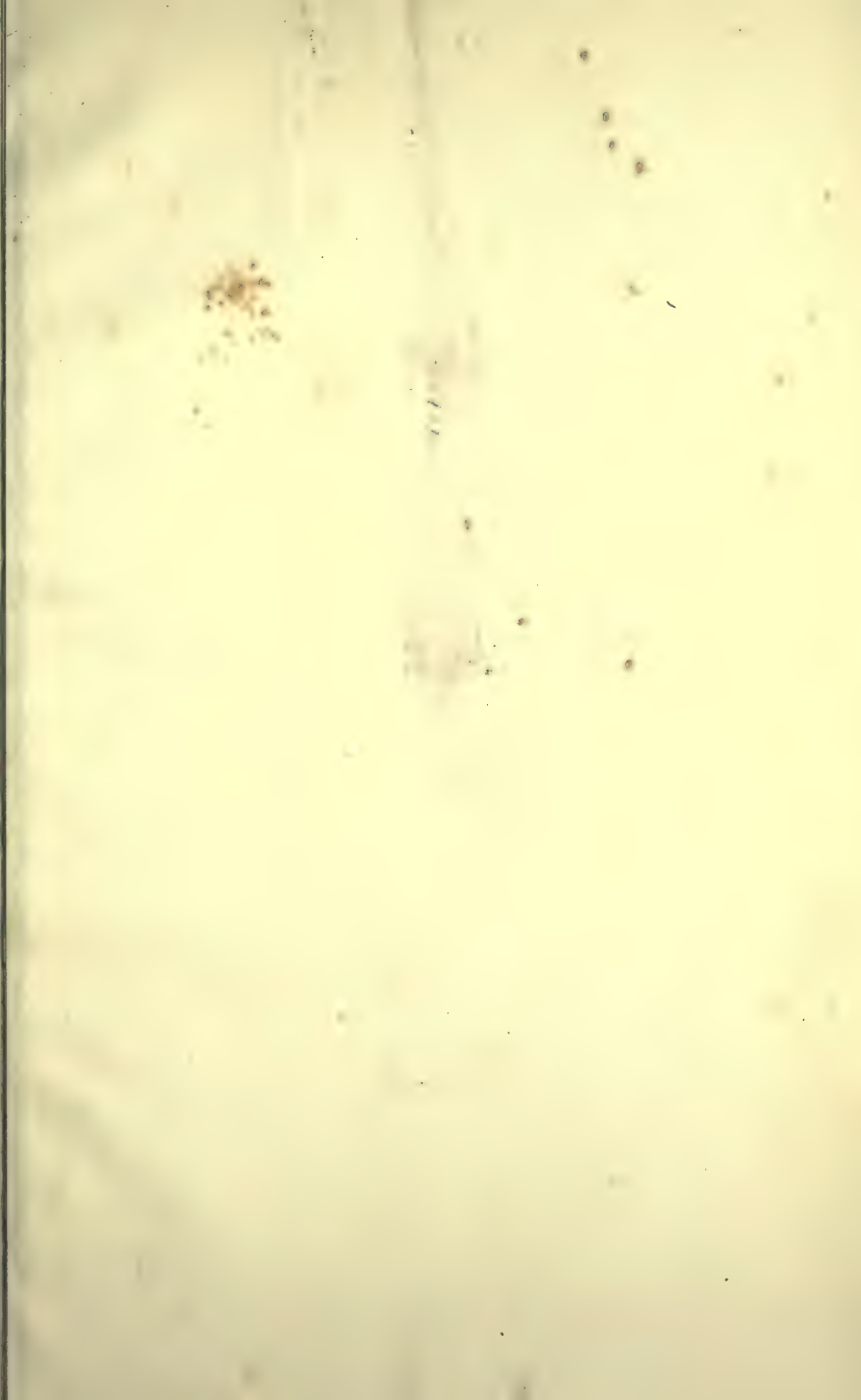
oone parte, and syre Willyam Ropele, persone of þe church
 of Bereforde of the foresaide same diocese, gilty, of the other
 party, by A prouacion¹ and appele of the parte of the saide
 4 religiouse men to the pope, and for² tuicion to the courte
 of canturbery for³ certen causes i-stered by custome & lawfully
 i-cast . . .

[NOTE.—The book ends in the middle of a sentence. The substance of the composition is that Oseney is to have (a) of the old demesne-lands, two-thirds of the tithe-sheaves; (b) of the manor of Maidwell, the whole tithe of nine acres (as in no. 277), and half of certain specified small tithes (viz. of wool, of lambs, and of calves); (c) of the manor of Dyue, half of the same small tithes; while the rectory of Barford St. Michael is to have (a) the other third, or half, of said tithes, with the whole tithe of certain specified tilths; (b) the whole tithe of all *novalia*, meadows, mills, and *foraria*; (c) the whole tithe of milk of the manors of Maidwell and of Dyue; (d) the whole tithe of a dovehouse and of a specified *placea* in Dyue. This deed brings us to leaf 93 back of the Christ Church Latin Register.]

¹ 'prouocationem.'

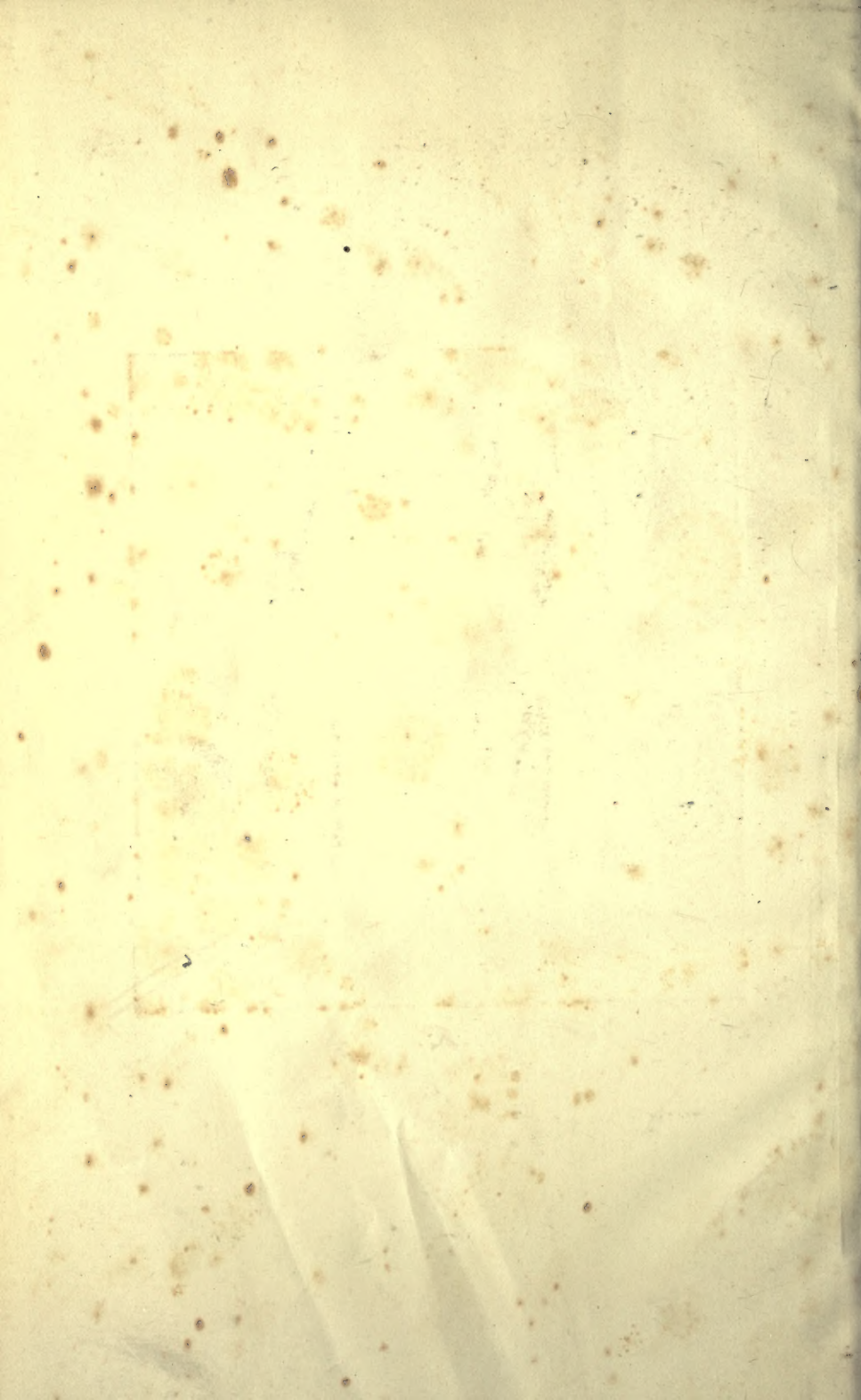
² 'pro tuicione.'

³ 'ob quasdam causas suggestas rite et legitime interiectas.'









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